# Community Issues Report

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#### Consumer, Health & Safety

An interest in knowing about events that impact our daily lives. A need for information about how to be wise shoppers of goods and services and how to live healthy and safe lives.

#### Crime

A need to know about crime and law enforcement activities and a concern for personal safety.

#### **Education**

A concern abut the money and skills needed to improve schools and an interest in improving student's quality of education.

#### **Environment**

A concern for how the environment is affected by human activity.

#### Government

An interest in how government affects our personal lives

#### Jobs/Economy/Growth

An interest in the local and national economic outlook and the impact growth has on our communities

#### **Quality of Life**

An interest in things that improve one's satisfaction with life.

The following pages list representative samples of program segments from The Ten O'clock Newscast, The News at 6:30 Newscast and The Morning Newscast during this quarter that respond to our ascertained issues. Each segment was 20 seconds to 3 minutes in length (except as otherwise reported).

The following pages also identify issue-responsive episodes of programs, which are listed under the appropriate issue.

WHNS also broadcasts public service announcements, news and weather cut-ins as needed to inform local community of breaking news and emergencies.

Attachments

Consumer, Health & Safety

#### PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED FIRST QUARTER 2006

Problem/Need: CONSUMER, HEALTH & SAFETY

<u>DATE</u> <u>TIME</u> <u>PROGRAM</u>

Sundays 5:30 am BUSINESS WEEK

(airs weekly)

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>: Up-to-the-minute reports present an interpretation of each week's business and financial news for the average viewer and summarize the key economic events from around the world that directly affect every consumer in America. (30:00)

January 6, 2006 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

The only low-cost carrier at G.S.P. flies into the sunset. Independence Air says it ran out of money to keep the airline running. So Thursday all of its planes were grounded for good. FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola reports, the planes may be grounded but you'll still want to buckle up. The end of business for Independence Air likely means other carriers will jack prices back up to what they were before "low-cost" landed here. If you didn't know today was the last day for Independence Air then you wouldn't know this was the last of its planes that will taxi at GSP. Since July of 2004 Independence Air offered some of the lowest prices this airport has ever seen. When that happened the other airlines did the same... Passenger: "I fly all the airlines but if I can get a flight on Independence Air I will". Independence Air folded because it couldn't pay the bills. Last year's hurricane season is partly to blame. It burned a big hole in the budget after fuel prices soared. Now that the only airline at GSP that marketed itself as low-cost is gone many passengers worry the bigger airlines will quickly go back to their old ways and raise prices. We did some checking and priced a one-way flight to Washington D.C. that Independence Air once offered for \$79. Below lists what we found. One-Way Ticket to D.C.: \$79: United; \$264-\$270: Delta, USAir, or Continental; \$443: American Airlines; \*travel for Feb 9th/Orbitz.com. Independence Air is doing what it can to soften the blow to passengers who booked tickets for travel after Thursday. You wont get a refund if you have a voucher or a free ticket but you may get one if the courts approve it during the bankruptcy process.

January 24, 2006 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

#### Description:

When you flip through the pages of "The Sonoma Diet" book, you'll find a plethora of mouthwatering recipes. But it can be difficult to know exactly what to buy. That's why FOX Carolina dieter Cliff Cross is getting a shopping lesson from Ingles dietitian Leah McGrath. "You wanna have things that are easy, because nobody wants to spend all their time chopping everything up and washing everything off," Leah says. Cliff and Leah started out in produce, where she recommended the salad bag mixes and pre-cut and pre-washed veggie mixes. It's convenient and saves time. Then they headed to the bread section-where in the past, Cliff made a lot of wrong choices. "This is where I get into trouble," Cliff says. "This particular section of the aisle." He's talking about the chips. Their focus is on whole wheat. Just because the label says wheat---doesn't mean its whole wheat. "What you want to look for is that your first ingredient be 100 percent whole wheat," Leah tells Cliff. "It should say whole wheat flour." The same goes for whole wheat tortillas, whole wheat pasta and whole wheat rice. They loaded up the cart---next, to the meat department. "We're looking for leaner cuts for meat. Chicken breast--another lean cut. This is beef top round. Remember round and loin signifies leaner cuts of red meat." Cliff filled up the cart -sticking to the Sonoma guidelines.

He bought the right foods. Now he knows he can't fill up his plate, or ask for seconds. "You really want to watch your portion sizes, because that's a big component of this diet' Leah reminds Cliff. "Any kind of weight loss is watching your portion sizes, because it's not what we eat. Its how much we eat." **Dieters Update:** News Writer Cliff Cross started at 212.5 pounds and lost 10 pounds in one week. He's now at 202.5 pounds. Account Executive Clark Smith began at 231.5 pounds and is excited about losing 6 pounds. The diabetic is down to 225.5 pounds. And National Sales Manager Alan DeFlorio also lost 6 pounds. He started at 192 and weighed in at 186 pounds this week.

February 3, 2006 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

The emails promise sex, but you end up with a computer virus. The Kama Sutra Worm is set to attack Friday. Here's how it works. You get an email with a subject line like, "hot movie", "crazy illegal sex" or "give me a kiss." And it always comes with an attachment. If you open the attachment, it infects your computer. This worm has been spreading like crazy worldwide since January 16th, but the massive attack begins Friday. Unlike its seductive name, the Kama Sutra is a huge turn-off. "There are lots of people who are going to be very unhappy on the third of February," says Merrick Faust, from Georgia Tech College of Computing. "This virus will wipe out all their word processing documents, all their pictures, all their worksheets." It runs through your Windows Operating System, corrupting pictures and important financial documents. If you haven't yet, it's time to put your anti-virus software to work. It can protect your PC. If you don't have anti-virus protection, a few computer security companies are offering free tools you can run. The best thing you can do to prevent an attack--back up your work onto a disk or CD, just in case. Free tool:

http://securityresponse.symantec.com/avcenter/venc/data/w32.blackmal@mm.removal.tool.html

February 8, 2006 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

A drill simulating another Hurricane Hugo smashing into Charleston will be held this spring to test new emergency communications equipment. The drill will test a giant radio box that allows local, state and federal emergency officials to communicate, even if their equipment is --NOT-- compatible. The South Carolina National Guard is the first agency in the country to get the new technology. The electronic box allows a large number of emergency calls from different rescue sources to become verbally compatible. The technology was developed after the September Eleventh, 2001, terror attacks when various New York response agencies couldn't communicate across different frequencies. There was a similar problem after Hurricane Hugo smashed into South Carolina 1989 with winds of 135 miles an hour.

February 10, 2006 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Security guard by night, sex offender by day. That's what one mother says about the man she accuses of molesting her two little girls. FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola reports, the man accused worked as a security guard at Dorman High School and what he's accused of doing when he gets off work makes students here sick. When students at Dorman saw 54 year old Ronnie Harris patrolling school grounds they never thought they'd be looking at his mug shot on TV. Student: "I think its pretty bad he's supposed to be trusted and to protect the school at night and he's breaking the law himself. So how are we supposed to trust him"? Harris is accused of doing more than breaking the law he's accused of breaking a trust between two sisters. The victim's mother tells FOX Carolina Harris made her 5 and 7 year old girls touch each other's privates, touch his, and perform oral sex. Student: "It's kind of disgusting. It makes you think of the people you work with and if you cant trust people around you in school then who can you trust". There is no indication that Harris did anything illegal while working as a security guard at Dorman High School, but still, students rehearsing tonight don't think that makes his alleged crime any less disgusting. Student: "It's good that he's in jail and

everything" Harris was a security guard for Carolina Security. We were unable to reach the company Thursday night.

#### **Screening Security Guards**

A high school security guard is in jail accused of molesting 2 little sisters. FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola reports how companies screen who's good and who's bad. There's only so much a company can do to make sure they're hiring the best people but there are certain red flags to look for, like a bad check. FOX Carolina did a little digging and uncovered 54 year old Ronnie Harris was arrested late last year for writing a bad check. According to state law, that makes it illegal for the accused child molester to work as a security guard. Randy Harrison/American Security: "That's a sign of bad character". This is the head of American Security-- it is NOT the security company that hired Harris. But it does employ nearly 2,000 security guards for hundreds of clients in 4 states. Harrison: "Something like that is bad for the industry as a whole. Just like a police officer, or a judge, or an FBI agent who's arrested for something or a congressman". American Security says it follows laws telling it how to hire security guards and who can or cannot be one. Each year companies are required to perform background checks on all of its employees. Harrison: "Most of the companies in South Carolina, if they are certified, are going to follow the rules". We can't tell you why Harris was never fired from his company, which is Carolina Security. We tried to find out and couldn't reach anyone Thursday. But the law does say it was also the responsibility of Harris to report any arrests to his boss.

February 8, 2006

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

#### Description:

Drugs, they are a growing problem throughout the country and the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office is doing their part to keep them off the streets and a new forensics lab is making it easier. Keeping it under one roof, that's what's happening at the new Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office building, now that the forensics lab is just down the hall. The new lab is about three times the size of the old one, but more importantly, it's located in the same building as the Sheriff's Office, as opposed to across town. According to Lt. Ashley Harris, one of the forensic lab technicians says, "It's a lot easier to communicate with detectives working on a case, uniform patrol officers working on a case, we can go down the hall and pick up new evidence that comes in." Besides streamlining communication, investigators say having everything "in house" can speed up the process of analyzing drug and arson cases. "We can turn a case somewhere between 2 and 5 days, in comparison to SLED's normal case load, unless requested to be put on a fast track, it's somewhere between 6 and 8 months," says Lt. Harris. If you add those six to eight months with the time it takes to bring a case to docket, it could be up to a year before a criminal is prosecuted. By being able to get the analysis information to the Solicitor's office faster means less time criminals have to hide. Lt. Harris says, "In that year that person's had time to move, change their name, do whatever they need to do to get out from the law enforcement radar, if we're getting reports back in 3 to 5 days and reports to the solicitor's office within a week, they can start acting on it a lot quicker, maybe before that person has a chance to leave the county." Lt. Harris can identify drugs that come into the lab and weight them, which determines the charges and penalties criminals face, and Lt. Harris says it plays a major role in fighting the war on drugs, "This is the new way to fight crime." Since 1999, when the first lab opened up, they have handled more than 8,000 drug cases and 300 arson cases and the forensics lab says they plan on having even more cases with the new lab.

February 13, 2006

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

The tax deadline is looming. April 15th is still two months away but as the deadline approaches, the government wants you to be on the look-out for scams and schemes that promise to lower or even eliminate your taxes. Uncle Sam is watching you and has put out the governments '2006 Dirty

Dozen". One goes after people claiming zero wages. The taxpayer attaches an extra form showing little or zero income, and there's the form 843 tax abatement. A stalling tactic that has filers claiming their taxes have been wrongly inflated. Sometimes people try to pull the taxpayer in with their scams, like phishing. Identity thieves pose as IRS workers to gain access to people's accounts. Involvement in these scams can land you in prison or leave you paying some steep fines. For a look at other scams on the Government's list you can check out the associated link.

February 16, 2006

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

It's a test that used to take days. But now, it takes only minutes. We're talking about a test for H.I.V., the virus that causes AIDS. Those who take it can find out very quickly if they carry the disease-- cutting out days of waiting and worry. FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola reports, Before, blood would be drawn from your arm, then shipped to a lab-taking as much as 10 days before learning your H.I.V. status. Now, it only takes a swab of your mouth or a prick to the finger. David Mattison/AID Upstate: "...And in 20 minutes you'll know your H.I.V. status. This test is 99% accurate". That's right, a 1% error, and 20 minutes wait time and you know your H.I.V. status. Quinn Hamilton/AID Upstate: "I think it makes it a little easier. There's no time period where you have to wait in suspense". The new quick test is called OraQuick Advance. Bigger cities have been using it for a while, it's new to the upstate, and free if you go to AID Upstate. It's an organization serving people with H.I.V./AIDS and disease awareness and prevention. Mattison: "This past year we served more than 800 people with H.I.V. or AIDS. AID Upstate says a key to prevention is knowing whether you have H.I.V. Mattison: "Once you know your H.I.V. status you'll take measures to help stop spreading H.I.V. When you don't know your status then you've more likely to actually continue doing same behaviors you were doing prior". One reason AID Upstate tells us most people don't get tested is because they are scared of knowing whether they carry the virus-- a virus that some still don't fully understand. Mattison: "It's not a life threatening disease anymore. It's a chronic illness. You can live with H.I.V. and live a normal life".

February 19, 2006

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Buying and selling a home can both be nerve-wracking experiences. Traditionally, we've depended on real estate agents to help us along the way. Now, a couple clicks of the mouse will take you to a website that can put you in charge. In the real estate market, it's a number's game. Asking price -- purchase price. Finding a home's real value depends on who you ask. And now real estate agents aren't the only ones with the answer. A couple keys. A couple clicks. And you'll find zillow.com a brand new website promising to give valuations for more than 60million homes nationwide. Sellers -- just type in your address and you'll get a "zestimate" -- zillow's estimate for your home's true market value -- along with the values of other homes in your area. Buyers -- your "zestimate" will tell what you should pay for that next home. It's the power of numbers in the palm of your hand. "I do think it's a wake-up call," says Greater Greenville Association of Realtors CEO Nick Sabatine. "It's going to make us do a better job, be more conscientious when it comes to the market analysis." Sabatine says zillow.com's numbers are pretty close to the comps a real estate agent will pull. But, he says, that's where the comparisons end. "Your realtor's gonna take you from initial phone call to the closing of your property," says Sabine. Zillow.com is a free service. Most real estate agents charge you six percent. "I think what we have to do now is sell our services," adds Sabatine. "We're in the service business. It's what we do. Realtors serve." Now you can surf. And even Sabatine says that's worth it. Sabatine says with zillow dot com in the mix buyers and sellers will be more educated in their next real estate transaction. Now he says -- it's up to real estate agents to work smarter not harder. To learn more about zillow.com -- check your home's worth by logging on to ...log onto to http://www.zillow.com

February 19, 2006

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Upstate residents can take classes to make their lives safer over the next month. The Clemson University fire department and EMS along with the South Carolina Defense Brigade and Americorps, are offering a series of classes on homeland defense issues. The classes include instruction in shelter operations, identifying weapons of mass destruction, crime prevention and protection, CPR, first aid and advanced medical training for triage and emergency management. The courses are designed for anyone interested in assisting in a disaster situation. Classes will be held every Tuesday night through March 28th at 7:30 pm in Tillman Hall.

February 19, 2006

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

In historic downtown Simpsonville, a little shop serves as a doorway to Hollywood. Lights..camera...action a popular phrase in Tinseltown, used to start off many star studded films, but at Hollywood Interior Design in Simpsonville, movie memorabilia is bringing a lot of action into the store. Store Owner Michael Duckworth says getting into the business was kind of an accident but ever since the store's just been taking off. Michael Duckworth and his wife run the shop, allowing customers to put a little taste of Hollywood in their homes. Duckworth says in his store, clients can find anything they could want from movie stars, to theaters, T.V. even music. The store specializes in rare pieces. Duckworth say when you put a piece of Hollywood memorabilia in your house it's a good investment you can pass down for generations. All of Duckworth's items are up for sale even some of his favorite collections like a Humphrey Bogart picture. For more information on Hollywood Interior Design give Michael a call at (864) 962-0721.

February 24, 2006

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

School bus drivers across South Carolina are being trained to look out for terrorists. The training is being paid for through a program funded by the Department of Homeland Security and operated by the American Trucking Association. All of Greenville County School District's more than 300 bus drivers went through the two-hour program last spring. District safety training specialist Nancy Benson says the drivers are trained to look for terrorists or for anything else that might threaten a child. When drivers see something suspicious or hazardous, they are told to call a toll-free number. Their concerns are immediately relayed to local law enforcement.

February 24, 2006

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

K-BAR-M ATV and Dirt Bike Park in Gaffney makes parents sign a consent form before kids can ride on four-wheelers. This park also requires all riders, no matter what age, to wear helmets. Next weekend, the park will celebrate one year of business for four-wheelin' fanatics. It can be risky ridin'. A 14-year-old Gaffney boy learned the hard way. "I was sad, of course," says Stan Batts, the co-operator. "I wouldn't want anybody to get hurt. This is a fun sport, and nobody wants to get injured." Batts heard about the pending state legislation to keep young riders

safe and says it has its pros and cons. "They should have the right to do what they want to. The group as a whole-riders--we need to think about this, and maybe we need to demand that you wear a helmet." In fact, helmets aren't an option here for any age. "We're not going to argue about it. You have to wear a helmet to ride here. And we strongly suggest that you take some sort of class or training. You just don't jump on one and go." 200 to 300 riders are expected to accelerate around the 40 to 50 miles of trail at the park. And Batts believes it will be an injury-free event. "There have been very few injuries, and we'd like to think making them wear a helmet maybe keeps some of the reckless drivers from coming in."

March 15, 2006 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

When we fly—they check our bags. But a new report says Transportation Security Administration screeners are letting bomb making materials slip on board airplanes. FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola reports, What's more threatening to you, a screwdriver or a battery? A few years ago the government would have told you it was the screwdriver. But now materials like a battery that can be used to make a homemade bomb are becoming a growing concern. How safe do you feel when you fly and why? Passenger: "Just the sheer number of people traveling and the odds I guess". Passenger: "I like seeing a lot of security guards around. Just knowing they're there makes me feel comfortable just having them there". Passenger: "Um, it depends on where I go. Most of the time I feel pretty safe". Not to undermine the work put in by security screeners but none of the people we talked to mentioned feeling safer because of less pointy, sharp objects-- Items quickly prohibited a few years ago. Passenger: "I think it probably correlates to the box cutters they used on 9-11". Since, certain sharp objects are now allowed on board an airplane and a shorter prohibited items list still exists—banning certain sized tools and scissors. Passenger: "I think it's a little extreme. You can't do much with nail clippers so I think they take it a little further then they should, but it's what they do". 'What they do' was recently tested by government investigators. They found the pointy/sharp object list forces many screeners to overlook the other list that bans explosives or explosive making materials. Passenger: "Not too comfortable. I'd rather see them take things like that than the scissors". A recent report shows 21 airports failed the government test with no screener swabbing or machine scanning for bomb materials. Materials powerful enough to explode a car. Passenger: "I think they should have looked at these items right at the very beginning. Not just at this point". The T.S.A. says it's training screeners to look for and identify bomb making material.

March 17, 2006 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

There could be some changes the next time you take a trip in the sky. Some extra leg room may cost you but soon you might be able to call home about it from inside the clouds. FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola reports, almost everybody has a cell phone and almost everyone needs one. And the only time most of us ever put them down or turn them off is when you go to an airport; which is why the Federal Aviation Administration will soon decide if taking or receiving calls during a flight is okay. Passenger: "I don't mind it if they use an ear piece so I don't have to hear their conversations". In 2007, that's just around the corner, cellular companies say they can make turning off cell phones in-flight part of the stone-age. And concerns that cell phones would interfere with global positioning systems; almost cleared up. The same cant be said for those still not sold on the idea. Passenger: "Initially it sounds good but when you get an airplane full of people on cell phones I'm not so sure". Passenger: "Well it could be nice, as long as people use their judgment and use etiquette, it doesn't bother me". In the meantime, some airlines are starting to charge more for seats and we're not talking first class. That's right-- you pay more-- for seats in coach. Passenger: "Well, we get charged enough for tickets and then cancellations and any changes and everything is dropped down to the low person and that's just another thing we may not want to bear at this time". Northwest Airlines, charging 15 dollars for exit row seats and seats at the front of coach. The extra leg room explains the extra cost. Passenger: "I like to hang my leg out. I used to sit by the window all crunched up so I started sitting in the aisle and no one is stuck beside me and I can stretch". Passenger: "I think it's ridiculous. I do like an exit row because it has more room because I'm 6'6 but I think that's ridiculous".

March 20, 2006

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

If you've ever dreamed of retiring to the Arizona desert or of decorating "Southwest Style," we've got the house to "wish" for. It's a 2.3 million dollar, desert show house built by Country Home magazine just outside of Phoenix. The Sonoran Desert dream home is a colorful oasis, in a place that at first glance, can seem a little bland according to Country Home's Mary Emmerling. "Arizona is very beige. You have beautiful blue sky, you have beautiful desert. You can bring those colors in. But then I think you need to bring in turquoise, raspberry, just wake up the house." It's those colors, and little things like candles, mirrors and fresh flowers that grab your attention. "I think decorating right now is all about eclectic. You could have moved from New England and brought a wonderful painted cupboard, or you could have taken a trip to Mexico and brought back some wonderful souvenirs. So I think the mixing is what's going on." Mixing and mingling is what this home was built for. There's a huge great room and a true chef's kitchen, with an island anyone who's ever complained about counter space would covet. But even with 5-thousand square feet, Country Home's creative director has made this home feel cozy and connected. "You have to think of every room having some wonderful focal point, something you can see. Always think, if you can see it from here, does it look good?" From the master suite's colorful fabrics to a bathroom you could get lost in. There's a media room any sports fan or movie buff would have a hard time leaving. And mixed in with all that's new, are things that make the home truly unique. "I think the antiques, whether you inherit them or buy them at an antiques mall, that texture brings a warmth to the house that makes it "you." Even on a rare cloudy day, views from the observation deck will lure you outside to enjoy the magic of the Arizona desert. And after the sun goes down head down the stairs to the pool, barbeque and patio will keep you entertaining well into the night. You'll find more on how to bring new country style to your house in the March issue of Country Home magazine. It's on the newsstands now. And you'll find a link to a virtual tour of the Sonoran desert dream home at this website.

virtual tour link: <a href="http://www.kpho.com/global/category.asp?c=76681">http://www.kpho.com/global/category.asp?c=76681</a>

March 20, 2006

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

It may be hard to believe for some of you, but one woman says she has evidence of mold growing inside of a wall and inside her apartment. "Growing out the ceiling, around the corner, in the hallway. I had mushrooms growing out of my carpet," said Tanya Payton. Payton lives in Mauldin Gardens, a low income housing community, and she says for years she's tried to get something done about the mold. Payton says a maintenance man will paint over it, but the problem is never fixed and she says the mold is making her daughter Brandi sick. "Her skin is constantly infected like in her stomach, her lower back as well as her arms," commented Payton. However, she isn't the only one who says Brandi is sick. Payton showed us a letter from Brandi's dermatologist. In it, the doctor states Brandi's skin condition is related to the appearance of environmental stimuli, particularly mold within her household. "Its not about where I live or if you're renting, its about the mere fact that if there's negligence and its been proven time and time again, something needs to be done," said Payton. Back in November, we talked to William Gregory, the Director of Housing and Urban Development Department out of the Columbia office. He says the Washington, D.C. office received a complaint from a Mauldin Gardens resident filed under the Fair Housing Act. Gregory says HUD investigated, but found no cause for the allegations. Mauldin Gardens is a low-income housing community that receives money each month from HUD. An administrator told us that money is only given to a property if it meets housing quality standards and inspections. However, Tanya Payton says no one should have to live like she does.

March 24, 2006

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

One scientist says it could be the breakthrough that may "blunt" the AIDS epidemic. Researchers think they're close to developing a pill that people could take to avoid getting H-I-V. A drug combination (sold as Truvada) already being used to treat some infections has shown promise in keeping monkeys from being infected with H-I-V. Some tests have already been run in Thailand and Botswana, along with San Francisco and Atlanta. Officials are now ready to expand the tests to healthy people around the world. If those tests show the drugs work, they could end up being given to people at the highest risk of H-I-V -- from gay American men to women in Africa. One worry is the drug combo's cost. It'll cost more in Africa than condoms, and about 650 dollars a month on the wholesale level in the U-S.

March 27, 2006 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

#### Description:

The future for the electric city is looking a little brighter these days. Downtown Anderson is now one step closer to having that small town feel with big city appeal. Assistant City Manager Linda McConnell told Fox Carolina's Lidia St. Mark, "Oh it's very exciting!" The city is installing surveillance cameras, modeling them after downtown Greenville's. Planners say that if someone just robbed a store downtown and an Anderson police officer was in the area, he could instantly see what's going on right from his patrol car lap top. Like the Greenville cams, they'll be able to tilt up or down, zoom in and move around. All of it funded by that two cent hospitality tax you pay every time you go out to eat. McConnell says, "That's our goal to have a system that meets our immediate need but gives us the chance to expand for the future." The city is also planning to have free wireless internet which will reach from City Hall down one block past the court house.

Attachments

Crime

#### PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED FIRST QUARTER 2006

Problem/Need: CRIME

<u>DATE</u> <u>TIME</u> <u>PROGRAM</u>

Saturdays 8pm COPS

(airs weekly)

Monday – Friday at 12 midnight (60:00) Monday – Friday at 3:30am (30:00)

**<u>DESCRIPTION:</u>** COPS follows law enforcement officers as they answer calls and deal with the subjects and victims involved in the complaints and crimes. (60:00)

Saturdays 9pm AMERICA'S MOST WANTED

(airs weekly)

**<u>DESCRIPTION:</u>** AMERICA'S MOST WANTED is hosted by John Walsh. The show profiles fugitives and wanted criminals who are being sought by federal, state, or local authorities. The program gives viewers a phone number to call to provide information. (60:00)

Monday – Sunday 10:00 pm CAROLINA'S MOST WANTED

**<u>DESCRIPTION:</u>** The Most Wanted airs during the Ten O'clock News on various nights Monday thru Sunday. Each segment profiles locally wanted criminals and gives viewers a phone number to call to provide information. Each segment is 45 seconds.

January 5, 2006 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

A child you know could be a target for sexual predators on the internet. Wednesday, police arrested an Easley man for soliciting sex from two teenagers while on the internet. Westminster Police say two undercover officers posed as two teenagers in an internet chatroom, that's where they say they were solicited for sex from a 44 year old man. It was a scary thought for Brenda Ross, finding out her neighbor, 44 year old Timothy Simmons, Senior was arrested in his home in Easley, accused of soliciting sex over the internet. Ross first heard the news from another neighbor on the street, "She just said he was picked up today and taken up in handcuffs and the children were taken." Ross says Simmons has three children of his own, but Police say Wednesday he was chatting on-line with undercover officers, he thought were teenagers. Westminster Chief of Police, Scott Bannister says, "They were approached by the subject in the chatroom and the subject reasonably believed he was soliciting a 13 year old and 14 year old on two separate incidents, for the purpose of sex." The Westminster Police Department joined the Attorney General's Internet Crime Against Children Task Force in October. Wednesday was their first arrest as part of that team. "Pretty much we monitor chatrooms and wait to be solicited by predators," says Chief Bannister. As for Ross, she says, "I think it's great, I think the internet is just, it just has opened up a wide area for people to misuse things and do thing they shouldn't be doing, it's hard to police things like that, but I'm glad they're trying to do something about it... These days you just don't know, do you." Simmons is charged with two counts of solicitation of a minor and is being held at theOconee County Detention Center. A bond hearing will be held Thursday morning.

January 17, 2006 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

#### Description:

Now to Spartanburg County where cops say several teens who were killing time almost got killed. We're talking about cruising. It's when teenagers drive around to show off their cars or simply to hang out. Deputies say the victims, all of them teenagers came here to Shark's Club for a good time on Saturday night after all because it was teen night. But police say it's what happened after they left this club that made it a night the teens wont likely soon forget. Take a drive late on Friday and Saturday nights on Blackstock Road near the mall and you're likely to see teens cruising. Shannon Mortin says, "I was shopping at the mall and I saw some difficulty there. I don't know what our teens are going to do." Shannon Mortin says as a parent one of her duties is to keep and eye on her fifteen year old daughter, Caitlin as much as she can. She says, "The only place I let her go is football games. She knows I'm waiting on her in the parking lot." One of the places off limits to Caitlin and many teens, even on teen night is Sharky's Club. Deputies say after several teens left this hang-out they became targets in a shoot out. Cops say eight teens from Gaffney left the club, went to this Exxon gas station and got into a fight with a bunch of other teens. That's when police say the Gaffney teens left and then went to this car wash Chase Robbins and his friend Tom Meldzuk saw the shooting unfold. They say what happened at this west end car wash was like something out of the wild west. Chase Robbins says, "We heard some squealing...then a back window got shot out...and we ran." His friend Tom Meldzuk added, "If we had pulled out of the car wash 20 seconds earlier we could've been right next to the car." Deputies say no one was hurt including the intended targets but the suspects did get away. Meldzuk says, "There's shootings in bad neighborhoods like where I live but you don't see things around west gate too often. I was kind surprised to see this one so close to town." Police say the suspects were driving a tan in color older model Cadillac. If you know anything about this call crime stoppers at 58-crime.

January 24, 2006 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

#### Description:

A Pacolet man will stay behind bars while Spartanburg Public Safety Officers sift through new evidence linking him to sexual assault crimes with minors. Spartanburg Public Safety Officers say this started out as a small suspicious person case, but has developed into a much larger case involving hundreds of video tape and computer disks with sexual material involving teens, and now there's a tie to the Pacolet First Baptist Church. The investigation started January 8<sup>th</sup> when a woman called 911, saying she saw a man with a mask and video camera near a neighbor's home on Tyler Court in Spartanburg. Police linked Keith Klepper to the camera and tape of an 18 year old girl and 16 year old boy having sex. But that's not all, 400 video tapes, 1600 computer disks, hard drives, video cameras and multiple satellite dishes were found at his Pacolet home on Wyatt Road. Police say the evidence shows Klepper committing sexual assault on several occasions in various locations and with both male and female teens. Detra Brannon lives in Pacolet and says, "I don't know what to think, Pacolet is so small, I never thought we had any kind of people like that, nothing ever really happens here, it's a small, quiet town." Klepper's neighbor says he's completely shocked with the news and only knows Klepper as a hard-working man with a good heart. He also says Klepper was a Deacon for several years at the Pacolet First Baptist Church. It's more shocking news to Pacolet resident, Whitney Parker, "Because it's a church and you wouldn't think anybody there would do something like that." An additional box of video tapes were found Saturday, Police say the tapes contained extremely graphic and explicit sexual content and say they've never seen anything this disturbing before. Already, Spartanburg Public Safety says several other victims have come forward with their stories, some dating back 10 to 15 years. Law Enforcement is hoping they'll be able to identify more people, children or adults. Klepper is being held in the Spartanburg County Detention Center on no bond, he's charged with Criminal Sexual Conduct Second Degree.

Spartanburg County Solicitor's Office and Law Enforcement say if you've been in contact or believe to be one of Klepper's victims, contact your local Law Enforcement or Spartanburg Public Safety at (864) 596-2065 or (864) 596-2035.

January 24, 2006

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Students had just gotten off the bus from Berea Middle School when they saw a young Hispanic male in the front lawn of a nearby home, bleeding and unconscious. Greenville County Sheriff's deputies later identified the boy as 13-year-old Raul Torres. He lived just a few doors down from where his body was found on Berea Forest Circle. Coroner Mike Ellis says Torres died of multiple body trauma. Just two homes down from Torres' body, investigators found a young black man with several wounds sitting on a hill. He was taken to the hospital and charged late Friday night with Torres' murder. Twenty-year-old Maurice Dwayne Ashmore faces charges of murder and possession of a weapon during a violent crime. Investigators have not released a motive.

January 24, 2006

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Attorney General Henry McMaster says, "This is the largest such indictment in state history." Investigators call it "Operation Ice Cream." Sprinkled across several boards investigators say these forty people, the main ingredients in this massive sundae, dealt drugs on our streets. It's cherry in the center, this man, John Nelson Turner Junior. McMaster says, "These are not street dealers that why we call them operation ice cream." Ice, coming from the almost forty pounds of potent purified meth cops seized. Cream, because investigators say these dealers are the cream of the crop in this drug ring. McMaster says, "It's a very serious conspiracy and we are happy to have them in custody...and lock them up." A team of investigators on the local, state, and even federal level worked together to seize the more than one million dollars in meth, cocaine, marijuana, guns, as well as hundreds of thousands of dollars in cash. So far cops have rounded up thirty four of Operation Ice Cream's suspects and investigators say they're confident it won't be long before the entire shop is behind bars. All of the suspects face a minimum of 25 years in prison.

January 25, 2006

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Women say they've ID'd the guy who's been watching them. A photo line-up helped the victims and police make their case. And they hope it keeps a man accused in a string of peeping cases behind bars. FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola reports, it's all the talk at the Shadowbrook apartment complex. Little did some women know that a shadow lurking outside their homes is what would keep them restless for the last few weeks. Cindy tried to warn her owner last week there was something on her porch that shouldn't be. LeeAnn Regna/Saw Peeping-Tom: "I'm thankful for my little white dog. I am. She's a good dog". But it wasn't until Leann Regna looked outside her bedroom window that she says she saw this man's shadow. Regna: "It rattles you so bad. Even when I go somewhere else I'm scared. I just see shadows in everything and I think that there's somebody there it's weird". Shannon Davis was arrested Sunday night by Easley Police. Another woman in the same apartment complex says Davis is the same guy who watched as she and her sister and nieces had a sleep over. If Davis was the man it was his last peep show. The woman's son held Davis for police until they arrived. Tyler Harrison held Davis for Police: "He was a fake. He was whining, huffing and puffing and like, 'I have a problem, I have a problem', I was like 'yeah man, yes you do". Earlier Tuesday, the investigation stretched to Mauldin where Davis lives. Detectives searched through his home where they say they found some pretty good evidence. And when we showed up we noticed Davis kept his blinds closed. Something detectives say Davis hoped his victims didn't do. Regna: "I was scared. I felt my heart just jump and all the sudden I was just shaking". But now with Davis locked up LeeAnn says she'll be less nervous about opening her blinds again. Rehna: "I called everybody who knew this had happened and I said 'guess what? that guys caught I'm going to get some sleep tonight". Police say Davis confessed to the crimes. So far police have

four apparent victims and have charged Davis with a total of seven charges. Those do not include similar charges Davis faces in Greenville from three months ago. He sits in jail on a \$140,000 bond.

January 26, 2006

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

#### Description:

Hendersonville Investigators are now looking into whether the recent beating of a gay man could be a hate crime. The problem though is North Carolina does not have the hate crime law on it's books. The victim says as he walked down the road he met three men who needed help moving boxes at the Star Motel on Asheville Highway. He then told investigators the three men drove him out to a Clear Creek Road and Hyder Farm Road. That's where he says the men beat him with a rock, robbed him, and made fun of his homosexuality. Right now the case is still under investigation but detectives say the alleged attack was not random.

January 26, 2006

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

#### Description:

A Taylors man is arrested and charged with arson and assault and battery with intent to kill following the investigation into a fire and shooting back in early January. It all happened on Old Tanyard Road in Taylors, that's where three mobile homes were set on fire and in one of those trailers were two people with gunshot wounds. Now the Greenville County Sheriff's Office says they have arrested the man responsible. Charred furniture, painting, and pictures were the scene January third. Three mobile homes were set on fire and a woman and Leslie Neilson, found shot in one of the trailers.

Now, Greenville County Sheriff's Office has charged Neilson with arson second degree and assault and battery with intent to kill. They say Neilson set fire to one mobile home on Old Tanyard Road in Taylors, then shot his wife, Janet Webb Neilson, before turning the gun on himself in an attempted murder suicide. The trailer owner, Buck Lockey, says he talked to Neilson that morning, but never expected the day to end in flames and gunshots, "I had no idea he would do anything such as this." Now the news of Neilson's arrest is a bit of relief for Lockey. "I think it's only right he has to pay for what he did, you know there was no reason for it," says Lockey. Neilson was arrested at the Greenville Memorial Hospital and will be taken to the Greenville County Detention Center. Meanwhile, Lockey is left cleaning up the mess and missing his sentimental belongings, lost in the fire. According to Lockey, "I had pictures in there that I can't replace, I had a lot of furniture that was stored in there that I can't replace, because some of it was special furniture. I'm not really worried about the structure so much as I am the things that can't be replaced." Neilson is charged with Arson, Second Degree for one of the fires, the other two are still under investigation.

February 3, 2006

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

#### Description:

If Lynell Dyches hadn't stopped at a Dairy Queen in Greenwood after his last alleged bank robbery he might not be in jail this week. FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola reports, No one at the Dairy Queen knew that a bank was robbed. When Dyches walked in the Dairy Queen a manager says he asked for job application. But, she says, when he tried to fill out it she just knew something didn't mix. In all her time working at Dairy Queen never did manager Claudia Harrison think she'd serve a scoop that would potentially solve 17 cases. Claudia Harrison/Dairy Queen Manager: "It was Friday the 13th, my 47th birthday. It was raining, we were slow". And even if it wasn't a slow day Harrison would have likely noticed Dyches anyway. Harrison: "He came in and sat in that booth and I was sitting over there and he was nervous. He wouldn't sit still". Meanwhile, right outside, police cars storm the bank next door. It had just been robbed. And Dyches, Harrison tells us, even asked Dairy Queen workers to check what was going on. Before Harrison knew it, she tells us, Dyches took off. Her suspicions weren't so cold. Harrison: "What I

found was underneath the toilet...what they told me was a face mask and gloves underneath the toilet...and a black jacket underneath the sink". Thursday night it's business as usual for Harrison. But she's definitely counting more than sales-- she's counted a few blessings too. Harrison: "I did good by doing what I did even though I didn't know he was a suspect, didn't know that he was even involved with what was going on up the road. I did good but I still have fears".

February 3, 2006 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

It's the hardest thing she ever had to do. "Its really hard on me and my family right now." Lenel Dyches wife says she cried as she talked to her husband in a jail cell. His wife didn't want us to show her face on camera, but she did agree to talk to us. "Only thing I know, he was supposed to be going to work and I called the job and he wasn't there," said Ms. Dyches. Investigators say not only did Dyches rob a credit union in Greenwood County back on January 13th, they say he hit 17 banks and his crime spree took him throughout the state. So when they went to his house in Spartanburg County and knocked on his door his wife says she couldn't believe it. "Only thing he would say is that he's sorry for making me believe he was at work and he wasn't. He said he's sorry for what he was doing to me and the kids," commented Dyches. Inside detectives say they found 40 sets of stolen car keys, wigs and other evidence. Now Dyches is being called a person of interest in the Blue Ridge Savings bank robbery and triple homicide case.

Q: "Do you think your husband is involved in any of these things?"

A: "I don't know, I don't know"

Investigators after Dyches arrest they questioned him about the day they found James and Margaret Barnes and a teller, Sylvia Holtzclaw shot to death. "What we plan to do or attempt to do is to either determine he did or didn't do it or determine he was or wasn't involved with that particular incident," said Dan Reynolds, Greer Police Chief. For months, the search for a killer went from fliers, to a description of a car then back to nothing and David Holtzclaw lives with it everyday. "Its extremely hard, it really hasn't gotten any easier today than it was May 16th 2003," said Holtzclaw. David is Sylvia's son, he says he hopes that Dyches can give investigators some information about his mother's murder. "I don't know if there will ever be total closure, but it will definitely put a large piece of the puzzle together for us," commented Holtzclaw. As he looked through his mother's favorite collection, the angels remind him of the angel he lost. "She would always be so exuberant and so full of life and that's what I miss most." Investigators say when they arrested him, they found a gun and stolen money marked from a bank dye pack. However, they won't say if the gun is connected to those murders at Blue Ridge Savings Bank, but they do say that Dyches confessed to robberies that date back to 2000. He is being held at the Greenville County Detention Center on those federal robbery charges.

February 3, 2006 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

#### Description:

Investigators nab a third man in a suspected burglary ring. Investigators say Timothy Mahaffey was the getaway driver for a group of burglars thought to be responsible for a number of heists across Newberry County and possibly beyond. Deputies say clues left at a crime scene earlier this week led them to Mahaffey and his cohorts. Police in his hometown of Williamston caught Mahaffey and transported him back to Newberry County. Mahaffey is being held in the county jail where he is charged with burglary and grand larceny.

February 8, 2006 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

A little over a hundred yards away, that's how far the accused flasher lives from the R.P. Dawkins Middle School in Moore. Investigators say for the past year, Ernest Sloan, has been exposing himself to a little girl as she walked by

on her way to school, same time, same place every morning right at his front door. A few weeks ago her mother reported the incident and tonight deputies arrested him. Neighbor Steven Shelton says, "That's pathetic, a grown man's doing that to a child, it really is." And with three daughters of his own, Steve Shelton says he'll do a lot more than expose the flasher for the man he really is. "Actually I have an older child..if something happen to her, I feel really sorry for him." Patricia Rice also lives just down the road long with her six grandchildren. She says flashing a little girl is beyond pathetic. She says, "He's sick ...I don't want my children or grandchildren seeing that." And with years of experience raising children, she says there's only one surefire way to protect them these days. She says, "Oh..watch your children, take your children to school." The principal of the school is aware of the case. If Sloan is convicted most likely he would have to register as a sex offender.

February 8, 2006 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

#### Description:

A major drug bust along Interstate-85 puts two men behind bars and takes thousands of pills off the streets. The Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office says it started with a routine traffic stop, but what deputies ended with was the biggest ecstasy bust the county has ever had. Sheriff Chuck Wright says, "They found over 9,000 hits of ecstasy which is street valued around quarter of a million dollars and they recovered \$1400 in cash." Deputies on the Interstate Criminal Enforcement or "ICE" team made the stop along I-85 near mile marker 61 Monday morning. "These guys are trained to look beyond the ticket, they're not just traffic officers, they're looking beyond that ticket for stolen merchandise, drugs, whatever else can be found," says Sheriff Wright. On this stop, thousands of ecstasy pills were found and two men, 37 year old Gavin Fitzgerald Macaulay and 32 year old Walter David Smith were charged with trafficking more than 1,000 doses of ecstasy. The Sheriff says, "Some of these pills can be manufactured here in clandestine labs, but mostly it's out of the country, it if you're going to get a big amount, it's going to be out of the country." And Sheriff Wright says this major drug trafficking bust sends a big message, "You can traffic your drugs if you want, but we're going to be looking for them."

It's a message many area residents say they're glad to know it's being sent out. "It's good news that they're catching the, bad news to know it's hitting this area so hard," says Greer resident Shane Waters. Tony Pinciaro of Greenville County agrees, "I think it's a good thing, I'd like to see more done and get them off the streets." Bond was set at \$30,000 dollars for Macaulay and Smith. If convicted, they could each spend 25 years in jail and pay a \$100,000 fine.

February 9, 2006 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

A mother and her boyfriend have been convicted of homicide by child abuse in the death of her two-year-old son. Brandi Lynn Holder was sentenced today to 25 years in prison for her role in the death of her son, Bobby Pressley Holder. A bench warrant was issued for the arrest of Mark Anthony Martucci after he was absent from the courtroom for a fourth straight day. Martucci's sentence was sealed, and his attorneys said they did --not-- know his whereabouts. Holder contradicted her original statements to police during testimony yesterday. She and Martucci initially signed statements admitting they caused the injuries that killed the child when they were arrested in 2002. But Holder said yesterday she never hurt her son and did --not-- know he was being abused.

February 10, 2006 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

David Brown is almost fifty but according to investigators say he likes his woman a lot younger...fourteen years old to be exact. Deputies say Brown asked a fourteen year old girl to have sex with him via the Internet, but actually that girl turned out to be a grown man, who also happens to be a lead investigator with the Westminster police.

Since Brown allegedly solicited sex from his home here on Spartanburg's New Cut Road, investigators with the Spartanburg's sheriff's office have now become involved. Investigator Charity Genceralli says no matter what web site, or time of day, predators are always looking to score and all officers say they have to do is provide the bait. She told Fox Carolina's Lidia St. Mark, "All you have to do is get in the chat room...just say you're underage...and they are actively soliciting." Although this is the first solicitation charge against Brown, investigators doubt it'll he his last..unless they say he's put behind bars for a long time. Genceralli says, "...because even though he was talking online...what's to stop him in real life." If convicted Brown could face up to ten years in prison. Now investigators believe he is still in this area so if you know his whereabouts, call crime stoppers at 58-Crime.

February 20, 2006

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

A woman's body is dumped in the woods. Just two days later, detectives say they now have her killer behind bars. The investigation spans all the way from Greenwood County to Spartanburg County. Spartanburg County deputies booked John Compton on charges that he murdered his girlfriend, Karen Chisholm. Investigators say Chisholm's body was found on Hillcrest Farm Road in Greenwood County near Highway 72. An autopsy Sunday confirmed that she died from numerous gunshot wounds. Deputies say they have evidence that Chisholm was shot to death at Compton's home. After the shooting deputies say her body was placed in the trunk of her car. Investigators say Compton and a friend then dumped her body in the heavily wooded area. Chisholm's death is the second homicide in Spartanburg County.

February 20, 2006

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Business owners victimized by burglarers want to level the playing field in the fight against crime and they're doing it by arming themselves. FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola reports, There are plenty of Sheriff's Deputies patrolling the streets—but even people who have been hit by crime knows, police cant be everywhere all the time. Take a look at this surveillance video from earlier this week. Just before closing time the man walks up to the counter and flashes a knife then rips out the cash register. It would have been a clean getaway but the store's owner wasn't going to have it—and shot the guy. Bloodhounds tracked the armed thief's scent to North Carolina. Michael Black/Lil Goodie: "He lunged at the floor and we held him here until police got here". A similar story on the north side of Spartanburg County. For the 3rd time in 1 week Lil Goodie was broken into. But the owners hope the third time was the last. Black: "It makes us feels at least equal. At least because I think a lot of people are armed out there. especially burglars and robbers". Pulling the trigger and shooting someone was a first for Michael Black. Black: "It went so fast and it was a struggle. Also the sound takes a minute, just for the sound to register, i'ts like, hey the gun went off". But Black doesn't regret it. He and his business partner just set up shop here five months ago and have already paid more than a thousand dollars in damages after being burglarized. At least 4 other business owners in the county have found themselves in the same situation and taking matters in their own hands. Black: "Yeah, its not something you want to do. You know, you never think you're going to have to. It's just precautionary. You rather have it and not need it then need it and not have it". Everyone has the right to protect themselves but police and prosecutors have the final say if it was legally okay.

February 23, 2006

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Investigators bust up a major Carolina theft ring spanning two states and at least six counties. The Rutherford County Sheriff's Department says this is the biggest and most complex theft ring they've seen in 25 years, because what was being stolen were big pieces of equipment, some even as big as a dump truck. According to Detective Sergeant Gary Owens with the Sheriff's Department, "We've had two and a half ton dump trucks, we had bull dozers, we had front end loaders, we had back hoes." And according to the Rutherford County Sheriff's Department, the list goes on and on, racking up nearly half a million dollars so far in stolen equipment. Detective Owens says, "They've been very successful, they're very professional, they're very competent in the way they plan their cases...they liked the rainy weather, they did it in the daylight, they did it in the nighttime." Detectives say two men, Danny Weaver and Tommy Weaver are part of that group, a group so killed they've kept law enforcement looking for them for decades. "They would steal trailers to haul that equipment and then they'd take and deliver it to a buyer...I've been in law enforcement since 1982 and this particular group has bee in operations all that time," says Detective Owens. That is until now. Det. Owens says, "This latest group that we have got careless, they got greedy, they stole too much in too short of a time period. "Now at least a dozen law enforcement agencies in North and South Carolina are involved and the Rutherford County Sheriff's Department says they expect to recover even more stolen property. The Sheriff's Department says, "We hit about six different locations and Friday we recovered at least \$100,000 worth of equipment and that included at least one in Cherokee County, SC, and the case is still unfolding." Tommy Weaver is being held at the Rutherford County Jail on \$193,000 bond. Danny Weaver faces several charges in several counties, all related to the theft ring. The Rutherford County Sheriff's Office says if you think you bought any equipment from these two men, contact Detective Owens at (828) 287-6247.

February 24, 2006

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

South Carolina officers have busted up a major cockfighting ring. Marlboro County deputies arrested thirty people at a raid Friday night. Eight of the people arrested were teenagers. Investigators say most of the suspects are from North Carolina. The Marlboro County Sheriff's Office thinks that's because the sport is a felony in the Tarheel State, but only a misdemeanor in South Carolina. Most of the people paid one hundred dollar fine and are back on the streets tonight. Less than three-weeks-ago, deputies broke-up another ring twenty miles away arresting twenty-five people. The South Carolina Senate is considering a bill that would make cockfighting a felony.

February 27, 2006

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

#### Description:

A Movie Gallery clerk handcuffed in a porn raid hoped to leave court today knowing she'd never have to go back. Instead she's waiting for a grand jury to decide whether she should face charges in the first place. Fox Carolina's Jamie Guirola has been following every development since the porn raid and reports, The Movie Gallery on Garner Road closed temporarily last month when Sheriff's Deputies made a surprise visit. It's reopened since, but at least 1 employee hasn't been back. If you look at this mug shot of Tamika Grier her mother says you won't see what she sees. Deborah Grier/Suspect's Mom: "My daughter went to college and got a degree. She went and got a job at Movie Gallery and they're going to lock her up? This child doesn't even have a speeding ticket". "They", would be the Spartanburg County Sheriff 'S Office. Last month investigators raided Priscilla's Adult Store and 2 Movie Gallery's. Tamika Grier was behind the counter that day. Grier: "I still say that when they talk about them movies—that stuff has been out a long time. Why all of the sudden now they're going to pick on her"? Detectives arrested Tamika Grier for selling X-rated material to minors. Another employee, Shawn Price also charged with something similar. And Thursday in court a judge could have dropped those charges but instead will force a grand jury to make that decision. Grier: "You got people out there breaking the law, doing things they shouldn't be doing, and they ain't locking them up". At the Movie Gallery access codes are required to enter the adult area after a person is carded. And the Grier's openly admit Tamika never gave the 17 year old undercover cadet the digits to shop adult.

Grier: "She didn't give him no number to go back there and get a movie. She went back there on her own because the police department gave him the number. That's entrapment". Meanwhile, Priscilla's Adult Store is taking the offensive. Today it asked a federal judge to speed things up and provided a thick document supporting another request that would force the Sheriff's Office to return the sex toys taken in the raid.

February 24, 2006 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

A Newberry man who thought he was chatting online with teenage girls now faces criminal charges. Joseph Mitchell is charged with four counts of criminal solicitation of a minor. Agents with South Carolina's Internet Predator Taskforce searched his home Thursday and seized computer equipment. They say Mitchell began soliciting sex from agents posing as 13 and 14 year old girls in December. Mitchell could face up to forty years in prison.

February 27, 2006 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

One man is dead and another robbed and beaten. Now the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office is looking for the man they believe is involved in both. It was two separate incidents within miles and hours of each other and one of them is now the third homicide of the year in Spartanburg County. Family and friends of David Dunigan gathered Monday at his property at 240 Police Church Road in Spartanburg County. The 81 year old was found in his home, by his son, Danny Dunigan Sunday night. The Sheriff's Office says David was killed by some type of trauma to the head. David's granddaughter and friends say he was a wonderful man with a kind heart and can't believe anyone would do such a thing to him. Now investigators are looking for Christopher Edward Bennett as a person of interest in this homicide. However, he's also been charged with Armed Robbery and Assault and Battery With Intent to Kill from a separate incident that happened earlier Sunday afternoon. Officials say he came to the Carolina Inn and beat 79 year old, Charles Wilson, in the head with a hammer, then stole about \$300 and a cell phone from him. The hotel says Wilson was staying in the hotel when he was robbed and hit. Wilson is doing fine, despite his injuries from the hammer beating. The Sheriff's Office says Bennett knows both victims and actually worked with them. If you have any information about his whereabouts, contact Spartanburg County Crimestoppers at 58-CRIME.

March 1, 2006 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Shots are fired as a gunman tries to rob a Greenville convenience store, and it's all caught on tape. The robber didn't get far though. That's because double-paned bulletproof glass stood between him, his gun and the money he was after. According to Lisa Lindsey, store manager of the Citgo on Easley Bridge Road, "As soon as he opened the door he started shooting." It was 4:45 Tuesday morning when two Citgo workers were about to change shifts. That's when they say a man busted through the front door. "He emptied his gun basically in here," says Lindsey. The surveillance video shows him first shooting at the counter window, them he walks around the corner, and that's when the store manager says he tried to get in the glass door. Lindsey says, "The door was unlocked, but the guys came over and locked it before he could get in." Despite several shots at the glass cage, there was no getting in or getting any money. "The cage is bulletproof, it's bulletproof all the way around, so they could've stood there and fired a machine gun at it and it wouldn't have affected it, none whatsoever," says Lindsey. But Lisa says the cage would've normally been open; that is if she would have gotten to work on time. "I'm never late, I'm always here at 4:30. For some reason, this morning I was late, when I come in, my guys automatically open the bulletproof cage and I come in, if I'd have been on time, the cage would've been open and he would've gotten all three of us." Instead, the man was caught on tape and ran out of the store, on foot, empty handed, but he left behind his face on the camera,

and bullet holes. Now police are on the lookout and the store manager is giving out advice. She says, "Just watch yourself because you never know, you never know, because he came in the door shooting." The two employees were shaken up over the incident, but say they still plan on coming back to work.

If you have any information about the attempted armed robbery, contact Greenville County Crimestoppers at 23-CRIME.

March 10, 2006

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

A boyfriend goes on a violent rampage in Spartanburg County. Sheriff's Deputies say Malcolm Simpson attacked and bit his girlfriend. Then he turned on her uncle, stabbing-him in the neck. He's in jail tonight on assault and battery charges. Both victims are recovering.

March 18, 2006

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

An Asheville man is behind bars, accused of stabbing a drug enforcement officer with a Bowie knife. Investigators say Larry Minter swung his knife at the officer multiple-times as the officer tried to execute a search warrant at his home on Mark Twain Road. Minter then barricaded himself in his bathroom before being arrested. Minter now faces charges of assault with a deadly weapon on a government official and drug charges.

March 19, 2006

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

The trial of an upstate man charged with killing his father and brother is set to begin Monday. James "Randy" Frady is accused of shooting and killing his relatives with a shotgun. The bodies of Barry and James Frady were found in their home on Westminster Highway in September 2004. Jury selection in the case is set to begin Monday at the Oconee County courthouse. The Frady family has been an Oconee County mainstay for generations, operating a number of gas stations and a moving company.

March 29, 2006

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Greenville police arrested a fifth person in a deadly shooting. Investigators say John Garrett turned himself in Tuesday night. He was wanted for the murder of Francisco Perez. Police say just a week ago Garrett and four other men robbed Perez of his money and his life, shooting him numerous times. They also allegedly pistol whipped Perez's friend. The crime took place at the Ashworth Apartments on Pelham Road. Garrett along with Mark Cureton, Frederick Irby, and William Henry are behind bars charged with murder, armed robbery and kidnapping. Police charged Welton Booker with accessory before the fact.

March 29, 2006

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

#### Description:

A man who ran from a traffic stop tops Tuesday night's Most Wanted. Investigators believe the man was heavily armed. The incident forced schools into lock down and triggered a 3 1/2 hour man-hunt in Greenville County. FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola reports, Investigators still don't know exactly who they were looking for. It was around 3:30 P.M. Tuesday when the mystery passenger bolted out of the car-- triggering what ended in a wild goose chase. On the ground, our cameras were right in the action when officers carrying assault rifles and wearing bullet proof vests got 'another hit' from the helicopter overhead. Thermal imaging on-board picked up body heat that may have been their mystery man in this rural Greer area. A.J. Prince/Saw Mystery Man: "A lot of hullabaloo to me. Looks like it's a lot of people for 1 man out here. There must be 4 or 5 dogs down there and 8-10 deputies". Deputies tell us when that 'one man' jumped out of the car he was packing several guns. Neighbors who called 911 also reported a man carrying a rifle and at least 2 handguns running through their yards. Prince: "...Brown jacket, but I wasn't looking at him close. I thought maybe he lived out here somewhere". Even with a helicopter, K9's, and armed officers on the ground-- the Sheriff's Office says the man on the run had an advantage in the search. They believe he's from this area and very familiar with the territory. Blue Ridge Middle and High Schools went into lock down canceling some sporting events this evening. Some homeowners stayed inside during the manhunt, others chose to watch without being locked in their homes. Prince: "Lock up? No, I've got some stuff in here. I'll stop him if he comes in my house". The Sheriff's Office says the man may have run because he had drugs on him or a warrant out for his arrest. Because they couldn't get a positive ID on him, tracking him down Wednesday may be just as unsuccessful. But, investigators plan on following up on the few leads they have.

March 29, 2006 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

#### Description:

They call this the friendship community and it's surrounded by scenic Lake Hartwell. Neighbors say they welcome newcomers every few years but today there were visitors no one ever expected here. The media and police swarmed the one quiet neighborhood on Meldau Road. Lt. Travis Tilson with the Oconee County Sheriff's Department told Fox Carolina's Lidia St. Mark, "Crime knows no boundaries...in a community like this..their concern is the reason we're here in the first place." Neighbors called deputies after they had not seen Kevin and Debbie Perkins as they usually do. When deputies went inside to check on them, they found their bodies." Tilson says, "Anytime you have a homicide it's difficult, this being the first of the year..." So far deputies can't say how the fifty something year old couple died inside the dream home they recently built. But deputies believe know who killed them, Debbie Perkins' son, 31 year old Jason Carter. Next door neighbor Matt Cason says, "The Perkins were good people...Kevin helped me out on multiple occasions, great people." Neighbors tells us Carter kept to himself and lived in the basement. They also said he didn't get along too well with his step dad. Cason says, "It's pretty unbelievable..come 50 feet away, no one expected it...definitely missed by the entire community, by us of course." Deputies say they know the couple was not shot. They're still waiting on results from the autopsy to determine the cause of death.

March 29, 2006 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

#### Description:

A Greenville County man is recovering after being beaten and robbed. Police say two men walked into the Carolina Fresh Fish Market on Anderson Road Tuesday night and flashed weapons. A witness says one man had a gun and the other had a knife. The crooks then shoved the owner to the floor before grabbing his wallet and the cash from both registers. The men fled with an undisclosed amount of cash. The owner of the store was hospitalized for a cut on his head.

March 30, 2006

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description: Jason Knapp has been missing for nearly eight years now. A new photograph shows what the missing Clemson student might look like now. Jason would be 28 years old today. He was last seen at his off-campus apartment in April 1998. Investigators found his car parked at Table Rock State Park but there was no sign of Jason. The National Center For Missing and Exploited Children is now getting involved in the case.

March 30, 2006

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

He's wanted for breaking into student dorms at Anderson University. Now police say they have their suspect caught on tape. The man was captured by surveillance video as he used one of the credit cards police say he stole from a dorm room. Anderson police say the man raided three dorm rooms on March 21st stealing wallets, a laptop and a Dodge pick-up truck. The truck was later recovered but so far there's no sign of the burglar.

March 30, 2006

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

A Cherokee County man is behind bars after officers say they caught him with a date rape drug. Daniel Earls is charged with trafficking methamphetamine, possession with intent to distribute ecstasy and possession of GHB. GHB is a powerful date rape drug. Investigators say a drop or two in someone's drink would be enough to incapacitate them for hours. This is Cherokee County's first ever arrest involving GHB.

March 30, 2006

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

New information about a murdered couple. Investigators arrested their son for the killings and now they say the know how he did it. The bodies were found by investigators checking up on the husband and wife in their home in Seneca. FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola reports, Each person was shot once in the head with a small caliber. We're told family from California and New York flew into the area and spent most of the day going over details of the murder with investigators. While the family is briefed about the murder, the couple's most immediate relative, Jason Carter, stays locked in jail accused of pulling the trigger twice. Herman Spitzer/Neighbor: "They did indicate when they approached Jason that he locked himself in the storage room with the bodies of his mother and stepfather." The Perkins' family members are staying with neighbors. Detectives asked the same neighbors to identify the bodies. Herman Spitzer says his wife looked at pictures. Spitzer: "Oh, she said she'll never forget it, never forget it, the image." Spitzer knew the Perkins for a dozen years and tells us their accused son has been living in their custom-built home for the last 2 years. Before that, Carter spent a lot of time in the rain forests of Costa Rica where Spitzer says he learned how to braid his hair like you see in the mug shot. Spitzer: "Many times his braids were longer than that. They were like full length dreadlocks". Debbie is described as a neat-nick, always taking care of her front lawn. Kevin was known as a wonderful, outgoing guy. Now, their visiting relatives are left with the task of laying them to rest. Spitzer: "Everything they've gone through, it's surreal, it's almost bizarre like it's a dream, a bad dream". We called the Oconee County Solicitor's Office and the Sheriff's Office for more details on the case. Both must have been too busy with the investigation to return our calls.

March 30, 2006 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Another chapter in the Carolina Investors' case is closed tonight. A judge sentenced former vice president, Anne Owen to ninety days in jail. Back in 2003 Carolina Investors filed for bankruptcy. That folding caused more than 8,000 investors to lose a total of almost 300 million dollars. For the first time ever we heard Anne Owen publicly apologize, but for some it was too little too late. In court Anne Owen said, "I just want to say that I'm sorry. I mean that from the bottom of my heart..." Before a packed courtroom and teary eyed family members, Anne Owen publicly apologized for misleading thousands to lose millions. Former investor Donald McQuade testified at the hearing today. McQuade lost his life savings, over a million dollars. He says, "My income is low enough to be on Medicaid and even food stamps. Considering I lost my savings; no 90 days doesn't seem at all fair to me." But the sentence did seems fair to defense attorney Jim Bannister who says his client is now also destitute. Bannister says, "I can't say it's what we hoped for..but anytime you can walk out with your client..it's a good day for us.." Although Owen could've potentially spent the rest of her life behind bars, it seems that no matter what the outcome here today, there would be no winner. Owens will begin her sentence at the Greenville County detention center on Monday. As for her husband and former Carolina Investors president, Larry Owen, he's currently serving eight years in prison.

March 30, 2006 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

It's a crime scene that wasn't hard to wipe up— but the thief was sloppy enough to get caught on tape. FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola reports about a windshield wiper-swiper. Now, it was a rainy day Tuesday so he may have really needed it. But, if he gets caught, it'll cost him a lot more for stealing it than if he would have actually paid for it. And maybe the wiper-swiper thought he wouldn't get caught. At least for now. That's because not one or two, but three security cameras rolled as the hooded man carefully selected his target. The red 1999 Chevrolet Blazer was sitting helplessly in the car lot of Seneca Auto Sales. Jason Wall/Seneca Auto Sales: "We've had times when someone would decide to key them or puncture tires or something." But not this criminal! Watch as he gets in the front seat of the Blazer and taps the break lights. Then, he walks to the back windshield and in seconds detaches the wiper blade before taking one last peak in the side-back window. Wall: "A hubcap, screwing off an antenna...I've never in the world thought about a windshield wiper...that's the last thing I ever thought of." And windshield wipers come in different shapes and sizes. Here, the cheapest wiper \$3 dollars the most expensive is \$18. But one thing is certain all wiper blades come in the same color-- black. Wall: "There's long ones, short ones, different wipers for different cars and you just have to know which wiper is for your car". Fortunately though all the other wiper blades at Seneca Auto Sales were left right where they belong and completely in tact. But still, the blade our wiper-swiper jacked is about as useless to him as the other blades in the lot. They're unlikely to make a good match for his getaway vehicle—a 90's model Ford Ranger pick-up. Wall: "What he got was a small wiper for the back which only fits the rear of SUV's". Hopefully, the wiper on the Blazer will be replaced soon. If you recognize the getaway or think you know the wiper-swiper, call the Seneca Police Department.

Attachments

**Education** 

#### PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED FIRST QUARTER 2006

Problem/Need: EDUCATION

<u>DATE</u> <u>PROGRAM</u>

January 22, 2006 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

A bill aimed at making it easier to set up and run charter schools hit a snag in the Senate today. Senators thought they had worked out their differences last night in a wide-ranging amendment. They gave the bill second reading without waiting for printed copies of the deal to be reviewed. But today, legislators read the final deal and decided to reconsider their approval of the House bill and started working out differences again. Senator Wes Hayes of Rock Hill says he thinks the bill should still pass. He says the dispute means the House may not get the bill until next week. Representatives then will have to decide whether to go along with the Senate's version of the bill.

January 27, 2006 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Wofford College is offering podcasts of special events. The college has posted two programs already. You can subscribe to the podcasts directly from Apple's iTunes website-- just type "Wofford" in the search field. If you don't have an iPod, you can listen to the podcasts on your computer. Just go directly to Wofford's website listed here in the associated links section.

January 30, 2006 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

A new plan could give students a second chance to become a Tiger. Clemson University is encouraging students it denied entrance right out of high school to attend nearby Tri-County Technical College, then re-apply as transfers-- as long as students maintain a 2.5 GPA. The program starts next month, and is expected to enroll a couple hundred new students.

January 31, 2006 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Students say it seemed like an average Tuesday, until they heard sirens from fire trucks and smelled smoke as it filled the halls. "I'm hearing about geography and the next thing you know a fire is breaking out and it was like whoooa," said Brendan Bottoms. The 8th grader says within minutes teachers told them to evacuate the building. Ross Satterfield, is in the 8th grade too and says someone set a fire inside a classroom next door to his. "Her closet when she opened it was like fire and smoke and

stuff," commented Satterfield. Investigators say a student set a couple of fires inside Hillcrest Middle School. "It was another one in a locker," said Bottoms. "I think one of the 7th grade bathrooms had a little fire in it," said Satterfield. Witnesses say they watched detectives walk a student out in handcuffs. They charged him with setting two of the three fires and they are also investigating a bomb threat from the day before. Lt. Ralph Bobo, with the Simpsonville Police Department is heading the investigation. "We're certainly involved in an intense investigation into that call we do not think the two calls are related," said Bobo. As students waited for the bus or for their parents to pick them up, everyone seemed concerned. "You think school is one of the safest places for your children," said Judi Satterfield. Satterfield says during all the commotion, her son called her from his cell phone. "I realize you're not supposed to have them at school, but if he needs me that's the way he can call me," commented Satterfield. Keith Russell is the principal at Hillcrest Middle and he says his staff followed their emergency fire plan and he sent a letter home explaining what went on . "It tells everything that has happened here the last two days and it tells what steps we took to protect the children," said Russell. He says teachers are well trained and throughout the year students practice emergency drills, but Brenda Bottoms says you never know what can happen. "Safety is my concern and there was a bomb threat yesterday, today a fire and I just want to make sure my son is safe."

February 1, 2006 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

#### Description:

Two Gaffney High School workers are looking for new jobs. The high school's maintenance engineer, Ron Keller resigned shortly after another employee claimed Keller kissed her without permission. Gaffney police charged him with simple assault. A teacher also resigned after being accused of sending several text messages to a seventeen year -old student. The teacher faces no criminal charges.

February 1, 2006 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

#### Description:

A Chesnee Elementary school is on lockdown all week after a streaker was apparently spotted near the school building Monday morning. Spartanburg County District Two school officials say two students at Cooly Springs-Fingerville Elementary School were inside the building when they looked through a glass door and saw a man outside without any clothes on, at that point they told the Principal immediately. School officials say the principal saw a man, who was in his mid-30's, standing naked near the dumpster behind the schools' cafeteria. Spartanburg County Sheriff's Deputies brought out their helicopter, dogs and extra personnel to search for the man, but could not find him. Neighbors living near the school say they aren't too concerned with the incident since this is the first time anything like this has happened in the Cooly Springs area for as long as they can remember. Still, the school was put on lockdown after the incident happened Monday morning and will remain locked through the rest of the week, as a security precaution. A letter was sent home to parents explaining the incident and a counselor is on hand in case any children need to talk to someone. If the man is caught, he could face charges of indecent exposure and disturbing a school.

February 6, 2006 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

#### Description:

A conference committee of House and Senate members will have to work out differences in legislation that would create a statewide charter school district. The House decided today --not-- to adopt amendments to the bill approved by the Senate last week, instead sending its own amended version back to the Senate. Senate and House versions have differed over whether to create a new board to direct the statewide charter district and whether to place the board in the governor's office or education department. They also have differed over how to ensure local funding for existing charter schools is --not-- threatened.

February 13, 2006

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

The state's teacher shortage has become a crisis that needs more attention. That's according to University of North Carolina President Erskine Bowles, who has told the 15 education deans at the state's public universities that he'll fight for more money and other resources they need to start producing more teachers. First, though, Bowles wants them to evaluate their schools and start cutting out programs that aren't working. The money saved could be spent for initiatives to help increase the teacher pool. North Carolina has needed about ten-thousand new teachers every year for the past few years, while the state's universities produce about 33-hundred teachers a year.

February 17, 2006

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Come next school year, kids at Z.L. Madden Elementary School will have to play at another playground. Spartanburg School District 7 has decided to close the school--which means school re-assignments. District officials say the new district map will eliminate bussing and keep kids in their neighborhood schools. "There have been concerns from some parents about their kids being up at 6 o'clock in the morning, going from home and passing two schools to the school on the opposite side of town," says State Representative Harold Mitchell. This change will affect about 360 Madden students--the majority going to Cleveland Elementary. Thursday night's forum was to answer parents questions. But few parents showed up. There were some concerned community leaders. "Parents need to know where they're going to school," says William Ross, Spartanburg NAACP. "Become involved in the education of their children, and children will do much, much better in school." Parents received letters about where their kids will be re-assigned. The district's long term goal is to get parents more involved, closer to home. "Education is a great equalizer. If children and families are to get ahead

February 19, 2006

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

The new director of Georgia's School for the Deaf is making some noise in the community. Lee Shriver, former superintendent of Pickens County schools, now heads the school, but many in the area feel he's not the right person for the job. A lot of hearing-impaired folks feel Shriver doesn't have enough experience, or any sign language skills. They also feel school leaders should consult the Deaf Community during the hiring process. Shriver takes over March 1st.

February 24, 2006

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Construction crews crank up the back hoe to pick-up scrap metal and pieces of crushed brick. Believe it or not, that's the scene at the Greenville High School campus and some people say they're tired of it. Where you see mounds of dirt, used to be a parking lot and students once walked the halls inside the building. Now the doors are locked and instead construction workers are walking around with hard hats surveying the land. Allison Muller's daughter is a junior at Greenville High. "We were told that we would get back in faster if we were off site, well that hasn't seem to be the case," said Muller. Muller's daughter along with about 1,300 other students packed up and headed about 10 minutes away to Parker Academy on Woodside Ave. Parents say originally, the program director of Institutional Resources, the company managing the school's construction told them the new Greenville High would be ready last August. Then the date moved to August of '06 and now it may not be until this December. "Basically its the kids that are suffering," commented Muller. Parents there are reports that a concrete side panel fell of the building at Parker Academy. "The school district closed Parker they closed it as a school so what does that tell you," said Muller. We're told a maintenance crew came in and bolted them down and there are other

problems. "Its pretty awful as far as the physical plan there are rats there, we are lacking in science labs, we're lacking in technology," said Muller. Not only is the paint peeling from the old building, the glass looks damaged and to accommodate students, 21 portables moved in on school grounds. JF Lucas is the principal at Greenville High. "We are tired of being here at this old building, but we make due with what we have and we do educate kids," commented Lucas. He says teachers and administrators are doing the best they can despite their surroundings. "The building does not make the school, its the student body and the faculty," said Lucas. FOX Carolina spoke to Don Buck, Chief Executive Officer of Institutional Resources. He says there's a delay in construction because they had to rebuild the gym instead of renovating it. However, students and parents hope the school on the hill will be ready soon. Another worry for parents and students, investigators say since 2002 someone broke into two cars and stole two others from the campus and broke into a portable.

February 26, 2006

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Students using the Internet to cheat, on assignments has prompted one South Carolina school district to test plagiarism detection software. Internet-savvy students are searching the net to find sites that provide help on assignments and term papers. Five-teachers in Richland County are now using programs that are supposed to identify work, taken from Internet sources. At the end of the year district, officials will decide if they want to subscribe to one of the services.

March 20, 2006

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

State Education Department officials say better tracking of public school textbooks could save the state at least two (m) million dollars a year. The agency currently keeps inventory on a computer system, but once schools receive the books, the pen-and-paper sign-out systems often lead to misplaced or unused textbooks. Education officials say right now about ten percent of the four (m) million textbooks sent out statewide are sitting on shelves. The state wants to set up a barcode computer system linking every South Carolina public school to quickly spot excess inventory. If one classroom has more books than needed, they could get shifted to another school, whether it's within the district or across the state.

March 24, 2006

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Students at Wren High School and their parents have been on edge, ever since someone posted a threat on www.myspace.com. And someone else put up strange drawings all over school. Now two students are facing charges. At least 650 Wren Students have a page on www.myspace.com, where they can chit-chat about what's going on. Anderson County Investigators say one student's page got him arrested. They tell FOX Carolina, a 16year-old male student posted on his space, that something would happen at school on Friday or Monday. That student is facing expulsion. They also told us about another student, who was arrested for posting pictures around school, with "bird of prey" written underneath. With these two unrelated incidents, the rumors have been churning. "I had friends stay home today because they were scared," says Wren Junior Holly Anderson. "Everywhere you went--at lunch tables--everybody was talking about it. Like you just heard birds of prey and all this stuff going around. So you really didn't know what to believe." "I think it was someone trying to get a rise out of everybody," says Wren Junior Zach Plyer. "Honestly, I didn't think too much about it until I got to school and there was a lot more security, more cops and stuff." Needless to say, parents were upset to find out what was going on inside Wren and on the web. The school district called in more resource officers, and the sheriff's office stepped up patrols. "At no time were the students in danger," explains Dr. Wayne Fowler, Anderson School District One Superintendent. "If the students had been in danger, we would have taken other precautions than what we already do." All those rumors, turned out to be just that---rumors. "It was a few less people," says Zach. "People getting called out of school, because their parents thought they should leave. Other than that, it was a normal day." And

these students think everything will be quiet on Monday. "I feel very safe at our school," reveals Holly. "I think the administration did a really good job of keeping everybody calm and not worried." Dr. Fowler says myspace.com is blocked on all school computers.

March 28, 2006 5:00a-9:00am The Morning News

March 28, 2006 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

#### Description:

School is out today at New Prospect Elementary School in Inman because their principal unexpectedly passed away last night. Nisha Jindal reports at New Prospect Elementary School, it's a sad day and even a teacher brought some flowers to put up in memory of their principal Kathy Byrd. Superintendent Jimmy Littlefield says there is no cause of death at this time. Because of Mrs. Byrd's death, students did not report to school this morning, but teachers arrived to meet with counselors. Again, Mrs. Byrd died unexpectedly with no cause at this time. New Prospect Elementary School has won quite a few awards since Mrs. Byrd became principal. They've received the Palmetto First Carolina's Finest Award and they also received an excellent rating for four straight years. Superintendent Littlefield said "Mrs. Byrd was a very energetic person, an outstanding principal, and she was a great teacher too. If you'd ever seen her teach in her classroom, you would have known she was going to be a good principal...They don't come any better than Kathy Byrd." Mrs. Byrd had been the principal of New Prospect Elementary School for about four years and had a total of about seven years experience as a school principal. Students will be expected to report to school as normal on Wednesday.

Attachments

Environment

#### PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED FIRST QUARTER 2006

Problem/Need: **ENVIRONMENT** 

<u>DATE</u> <u>PROGRAM</u>

February 18, 2006 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Downtown Greenville's getting a new addition. In a couple of months the city will open it's first dog park, an attraction guaranteed to bring in tons of people making it one popular spot. Mike Watson of Leadership Greenville says the park is a great opportunity for people who don't have backyards. The Canine Corner is headed to Cleveland Park, about a mile from the Greenville zoo, running along side the Reedy River. A fence will surround the park offering wide open spaces for exercise and relaxation. There's also some tough security to keep your pooch from getting out, according to Michael Martinez. He helped design the park. He says the Canine Corner will have two double gated entrances, keeping dogs from running free or escaping. Once inside the gates, owners and their dogs can enjoy the scenery, and make a couple of new friends. Pet owners can let their dogs run free, and socialize at the same time. Not everyone is welcome though. Greenville Leadership says there's no room for aggressive dogs. Members encourage people with aggressive dogs to stay away, keeping the peace for everyone. The dog park should be up and running by June 1st. Greenville Leadership is trying to raise enough money to pay for the \$28,000 project. For more information on what you can do to help, send Mike Watson an email at GreenvilleDogPark@gmail.com , or call him at 918-4805

February 13, 2006 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

The next time North Carolina is faced with severe drought, residents, businesses and government may have to comply with minimum state requirements for water use. State officials are working to devise rules that would require drought plans for all water systems and keep track of water use by system. Drought affected Raleigh and Durham water supplies last year and municipalities established water use restrictions in response. State lawmakers ordered the state effort after an extreme drought in 2002. Linwood Peele, water supply planning section chief in the state Division of Water Resources says a series of public hearings on the proposed rules is scheduled to begin next week. The public can comment until March sixth.

February 19, 2006 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

The National Weather Service says several counties in eastern South Carolina can expect light snow mixed with freezing rain this morning. A low pressure was expected to develop of the coast of North and South Carolina this morning. That would bring precipitation. Yesterday's cool temperatures could cause the moisture to fall as snow. But by this afternoon and evening, all precipitation was expected to turn to rain. Forecasters say ground temperatures would be too warm for any snow to accumulate. The freezing rain and snow forecast covers all but the most southern counties of the state.

February 26, 2006

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

#### Description:

For homeowners along Edisto Island's beach, renourishment can't start soon enough. Liz Holt watched a neighbor's house gradually collapse as the sand underneath eroded. Last week, it was torn down. The seven-point-seven (M) million-dollar project will dredge sand from the north edge of Edisto Island State Park to the island's southern tip at Saint Helena Sound. It is being paid for with state and local money and has a projected lifespan of ten years. The renourishment won't create a dune line. Rather a flat sand berm eight feet high from mean sea level will run 100 feet or more from the homes to the ocean. The hope is the berm will help hold sand longer.

March 19, 2006

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

#### Description:

Some North Texas rivers and streams are still high after a weekend of heavy rain. One death is blamed on the flash floods. The rain has moved to the east, but Dallas is still drying out. Up to seven inches fell in parts of the city yesterday. A National Weather Service forecaster says houses were flooded and cars were submerged across the Dallas-Fort Worth area. He says at least two high-water rescues were reported in Arlington. Conditions are expected to be warmer and dryer today.

March 25, 2006

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

#### Description:

Congressman Bob Inglis wants to create a national competition to provide multi- (m) million dollar rewards for breakthroughs in hydrogen research. Inglis says the "H-Prize" would range from one (m) million dollars to 100 (m) million dollars. The bill could be introduced as early as next week. Inglis says public and private dollars would fund the prize. Shell Hydrogen was one of about 30 representatives of the energy, automotive and political sectors who met with Inglis to discuss details of a prize. Shell Hydrogen president Phillip Baxley says the goal of the legislation is to set a goal to encourage competition

Attachments

Government

# PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM OR NEED FIRST OUARTER 2006

Problem/Need: **GOVERNMENT DATE** TIME **PROGRAM** 10:00 am FOX NEWS SUNDAY Sundays **DESCRIPTION:** Fox News Sunday is a national weekly program with current events and political issues. (60:00) The Ten O'clock News February 6, 2006 10:00am Description: The House has passed a bill that lets residents use deadly force to defend their homes, businesses and vehicles against attackers without fear of being prosecuted or sued. The House unanimously approved the bill today and sent it to the Senate. The proposal would put into law what is already precedent through past court cases. It also expands what is defendable to include businesses and vehicles. February 8, 2006 10:00am The Ten O'clock News Description: Congress is moving toward the renewal of the Patriot Act. A deal between the White House and Senate Republicans promises to create greater assurances that it would not undermine civil liberties. Renewal was held up late last year when Senator John Sununu and three other Republicans joined Democrats in filibustering the legislation. With the new agreement, lawmakers are close to the 60 votes needed to overcome another filibuster attempt, and it appears Democrats are also ready to sign on. The bill must still be reconciled with the House. 10:00am The Ten O'clock News February 10, 2006 Description: The House has given final approval to measures that would change the state's property tax system. The proposed constitutional amendment and a law change now go to the Senate. If that chamber approves the measure, voters would decide in November whether the state should cut most property taxes from owner-occupied homes. Voters would also decide how property taxes should be reassessed. The state would pay for the property tax cut with a two-cent increase in the state sales tax and by limiting spending. That proposal would also eliminate the sales tax on groceries. February 10, 2006 10:00am The Ten O'clock News

Description:

A new poll of 500 likely voters says legislators could pick up votes by raising South Carolina's cigarette tax to one dollar a pack. The state's seven cents a pack tax is the lowest in the nation. Carol Reeves of the South Carolina Tobacco Collaborative says a 93-cent increase would generate 223 (m) million dollars to help offset the one (b) billion dollars South Carolina spends a year on cigarette-related health care needs. The survey was released as lawmakers prepare to send Governor Mark Sanford a bill that raises penalties for selling cigarettes to minors and makes it unlawful for minors to possess tobacco. Minors would face a 25 dollar fine or could be ordered to perform five hours of community service.

February 15, 2006

10:00am

The Ten O'clock News

## Description:

State senators drafting a bill to cut property taxes want to eliminate the sales tax on groceries, cap how much local governments can spend, and change when homes are reassessed. A joint Senate subcommittee voted today to include those provisions in a soon-to-be-drafted bill. Both House and Senate members are proposing raising the state sales tax by two cents in order to cut property taxes. Senators say abolishing the sales tax on groceries will help offset the regressive nature of that substitution. Senators also want to cap the tax rates of local governments, to make sure they don't raise taxes and gobble up intended relief. The proposal would tie budget increases to personal income growth statewide. Senators also voted to pursue a constitutional amendment to revamp the reassessment process. It would direct counties to reassess homes only when they're sold or substantially added on to. Counties could opt out of the point-of-sale approach only through a voter referendum.

February 27, 2006

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

# Description:

The state's top appeals court has tightened a law that uncooperative drunken drivers could use to try to keep their licenses. In a unanimous decision, the court ruled that it's O-K to read aloud the rights of injured or difficult drunken-driving suspects before requesting to draw their blood. Previously, the law said that suspects had to be given a written copy of any implied consent order following an alcohol-related accident. The case involves a 2004 accident on Interstate 26 in Berkeley County. After the wreck, police determined the driver could --NOT-- take a breath test because he suffered serious injuries around his mouth. Because he refused to give a blood sample, his license was suspended. A lower court ruling had reversed the suspension and the Motor Vehicles Department appealed.

March 5, 2006

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

#### Description:

South Carolina lawmakers who oppose abortion are looking to next year to further restrict the procedure here. Other Southern states like Mississippi and Tennessee are already trying to follow the lead of South Dakota, where Republican Governor Mike Rounds signed legislation earlier this month that would ban all abortions except those necessary to save women's lives. Palmetto State lawmakers have --not-- followed suit, partly because issues such as cutting property taxes have taken priority. But lawmakers say the 2007 legislative session will likely include a renewed push for a bill that would give a fetus equal protection rights at the moment of fertilization.

March 17, 2006

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Senior diplomats from six key nations struggling to find a solution to Iran's suspect nuclear program will try to take a longer, strategic view of the standoff today. United Nations ambassadors say representatives from the five veto-wielding Security Council nations will try to overcome differences on a statement demanding a quick report on Iran's nuclear program. The nations include the United States, Russia, China, Britain and France. Germany will also participate. U-S Ambassador John Bolton says he would like to see agreement on the statement when the Security Council meets again tomorrow. The six countries agree that Iran should not develop nuclear weapons, but they differ on the best way to get Tehran to halt uranium enrichment. The process can be used either in a civilian nuclear program to generate electricity or to produce nuclear arms.

March 18, 2006 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

## Description:

The Supreme Court has refused a request from Philip Morris to review a 50 (m) million dollar smoking judgment. The titan tobacco company wanted justices to intervene in a case involving a two-pack-a-day smoker who died of cancer. Philip Morris U-S-A asked for a shield against some of the smoker's claims, and for a formula for deciding punitive damages in similar cases. The high court declined without comment. Richard Boeken initially won three (b) billion dollars in punitive damages before his death in 2002. A California jury had found Philip Morris guilty of negligence, misrepresentation, fraud and selling a defective product. The damage award was reduced to a hundred (m) million, and then cut in half by an appeals court.

March 20, 2006 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

# Description:

State senators drafting a bill to cut property taxes want to eliminate the sales tax on groceries, cap how much local governments can spend, and change when homes are reassessed. A joint Senate subcommittee voted today to include those provisions in a soon-to-be-drafted bill. Both House and Senate members are proposing raising the state sales tax by two cents in order to cut property taxes. Senators say abolishing the sales tax on groceries will help offset the regressive nature of that substitution. Senators also want to cap the tax rates of local governments, to make sure they don't raise taxes and gobble up intended relief. The proposal would tie budget increases to personal income growth statewide. Senators also voted to pursue a constitutional amendment to revamp the reassessment process. It would direct counties to reassess homes only when they're sold or substantially added on to. Counties could opt out of the point-of-sale approach only through a voter referendum.

March 23, 2006 10:00p The Ten O'clock News

# Description:

Governor Mark Sanford and Republican House leaders are dueling over the state budget. The Republican governor is spending the day making appearances at bank vaults to highlight what he calls excessive spending by the Legislature. This afternoon, House Speaker Bobby Harrell taped a special version of his weekly news conference. Harrell says Sanford is wrong about the Legislature's spending. Harrell says lawmakers have set aside nearly one (B) billion dollars to cut a variety of taxes.

March 29, 2006 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

March 30, 2006 5:00a-9:00am The Morning News

Description:

Candidates showed up at the last minute at political party headquarters this morning as filing for offices for the June 13th primary closed. Columbia lawyer C- Dennis Aughtry entered the race for governor as a Democrat. He will face state Senator Tommy Moore and Florence Mayor Frank Willis in the primary. Republican Governor Mark Sanford faces Prosperity physician Oscar Lovelace in the G-O-P primary. Republican Thomas Ravenel joined the crowded race for state treasurer. Ravenel ran in the 2004 primary for the U.S. Senate seat won by Jim DeMint. Ravenel faces state Senator Greg Ryberg, Rick Quinn and Jeff Willis in the primary. The winner will take on Democratic incumbent Treasurer Grady Patterson. Surfside Beach City Councilman Bill McKowen entered the G-O-P primary for secretary of state. He joins Larry Flynn in the primary challenging Republican incumbent Mark Hammond. Democrat Cheryl Footman also is in the race.

Attachments

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Jobs, Economy, Growth

# PROGRAMS ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED FIRST QUARTER 2006

Problem/Need: JOBS/ECONOMY/GROWTH

<u>DATE</u> <u>PROGRAM</u>

Sundays 5:30 am BUSINESS WEEK

(airs weekly)

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>: Up-to-the-minute reports present an interpretation of each week's business and financial news for the average viewer and summarize the key economic events from around the world that directly affect every consumer in America. (30:00)

January 21, 2006 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

A major Greenville County employer is expanding. Officials at Global Performance say the company is moving from Pelham Road to a new, 19,000 square foot office space in Greenville's Patewood Office Park. The company says it plans to hire an additional 150 to 200 employees over the next two to three years. Global Performance provides engineering, project and construction management services to industrial and automotive markets.

January 24, 2006 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Take a drive through downtown Greenville and you'll notice new development just about every other street. On River Street, it's going to be a waterfront hotel called the Hampton Inn Suites. It'll be complete with a restaurant and new condos. The project will be completed by this coming Spring. In the west on Augusta and Field will be the new Drive Baseball Stadium which the city says will be finished by the season opener. Replacing the empty apartment complex on McBee near Church will be a Publix. It'll be surrounded by a strip mall, new apartments and it's all within walking distance of busy downtown. Within a year there will be seven high end condos in the heart of Main Street. Get this, they've already sold, even with these pricey tags: 850k for the small one to 1.5 million dollars for the large one. Patrick Rabb who was born and raised in Greenville says, "It's not the small town I remember but it's not a big city either...I think it's a big city feel with a small town appeal, it's pretty nice."

January 24, 2006 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

A local group has big plans to improve the quality of life in Spartanburg. Abbie Croxdale depends on The Spartanburg Senior Center for the help she needs, and with the baby boomer population aging The Senior Center is seeing more and more seniors who need help. Croxdale says, "I am 84-years-old and when you get that age your quite concerned about what will happen to you." A group of hundreds of Spartanburg residents want to help. They've outlined 10 critical issues facing Spartanburg and how they want to tackle those issues in the next ten to twenty years. For example, they plan to look at improving transportation for our aging population and having case workers assigned to them to improve the quality of their life. Other issues include boosting the economy through ideas such as making more people homeowners. Also, the health of the people in Spartanburg. The group plans to start an obesity council and launch a nutrition education campaign. According to Kathy Dunleavy with The United Way of the Piedmont if we don't start to work on these issues, now Spartanburg will be in trouble ten years down the road. Dunleavy says, "It affects everything so we all need to care. We all need to care about our children our seniors our environment all of it." She admits their goals are ambitious. According to Dunleavy, "Its going to evolve. Its not a perfect document as we said." She says if the people of Spartanburg can make these changes it will improve life not just for the

seniors but for everyone living here. Other areas they plan to improve are student test scores, literacy, homelessness and crime. the group is already looking at various grants to pay for these projects.

January 30, 2006

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Business is booming at the Union County Airport and it's all because of a recent County Council decision. Until a couple of weeks ago, the Union County Airport had limited runway space, keeping business and bigger planes out of the area. The Union County Council decided to expand the runway in hopes of expanding opportunity, installing new lights, and adding five hundred more feet to the runway. Right now the airport moves about three to five thousand operations each year, numbers the staff expects to only double. Construction is finished. The total cost is about \$650,000..but the good news is the FAA is paying for 95 percent of the bill.

February 1, 2006

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

If you look for a silver lining in everything we found a few in last year's ice storm-- some new jobs. FOX Carolina 's Jamie Guirola reports, It looks like Uncle Sam is trying to pick up after mother nature. The new temporary jobs are in the newspaper but the deadline to apply is just around the corner. In December, hundreds of thousands of people in the Carolinas were left without power-- some for days. It's hard to forget the fallen trees and downed power lines. Many people were caught off guard after the ice storm-- buying the necessary supplies after the fact. The Federal Emergency Management Agency came in after the storm to check out the damage and possibly give some of you some relief. The agency is back and is offering a little more relief in the form of temporary jobs. The jobs are: Project Inspectors, Project Auditors, Legislative/Public Affairs Assistant, Reports Writer, Data Entry Technicians, Switchboard Operator, Administrative Assistant, Human Resources Specialist, Network Technician, and Clerk. The ad says all candidates should have good interpersonal skills and U.S. Citizenship is required. To apply, email a resume with social security number to <a href="mailto:scicestormjobs@yahoo.com">scicestormjobs@yahoo.com</a> or fax it to: FEMA Personnel at 864.627.3166.

February 15, 2006

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Finding a job in Myrtle Beach during the off-season isn't as hard as it used to be. The South Carolina Coastal Workforce Center says it has processed fewer unemployment claims this off-season because additional jobs in construction and retail have kept more workers on payrolls during the winter. According to statistics from South Carolina Labor Market Information, Horry County had 18-thousand more jobs this past December than it did a year earlier. Even hotels are starting to keep staff year-round and that's good news for those who want to make the Grand Strand more of a year-round destination.

February 17, 2006

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:NEW YORK Stock prices are rising in early trading. The Dow Jones Industrial Average is up 16 points in today's early going. Advancing issues on the New York Stock Exchange hold a two-to-one lead over decliners. The NASDAQ Composite Index is ahead ten points and the Standard-and-Poor's 500 Stock Index is up two and a-half points. Investors this

morning have been greeted by stronger-than-expected housing data and by last night's earnings news from tech firms Applied Materials and Hewlett Packard. The markets will also be listening whether Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke (bur-NANG'-kee) has anything different to say in his second of two days of congressional testimony. The Commerce Department says new housing construction rose more than 14 percent last month to the highest level in more than three decades. Analysts think it is a direct result of record warm weather in the U-S in January. Shares of Dow component Hewlett-Packard got some support from earnings that topped forecasts. Similarly good news came from Applied Materials. X-M Satellite Radio posted a wider-than-expected loss, locked in a fierce battle with rival Sirius, home of Howard Stern.

March 13, 2006 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

## Description:

The public debut this weekend of Sun City Carolina Lakes attracted a larger crowd than even the developer expected. Nearly three-thousand people visited the retirement community in northern Lancaster County within the first three hours of Saturday's grand opening. Project manager David Vitek says he had expected a few thousand visitors over the entire weekend. The 44-hundred home community is the first large retirement community in the Charlotte, North Carolina, area. To live there, at least one member of a couple must be 55 years or older. --No-- children under 18 can live there.

March 16, 2006 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

# Description:

The announcement that South Financial Group plans to stay here and expand is exciting news for leaders who worked on this project. And people around town think it makes the city's resume` look even better. Friday morning, Chip Felkel was sitting in the audience, when CEO Mack Whittle gave Greenville the good news. He knew what this meant for the city's future. "Anytime you can set the stage for one group, it's a great example for another one to follow." It's just another major selling point for the Greenville Area Development Corporation. "Just another success story that we can leverage to bring more companies here," says Jerry Howard, President and CEO of Greenville Area Development Corporation. You've heard about the competitive average salary that is sure to bring in a lot of applications and cover letters. It's a big deal for the state. "One of the problem areas that we're having in the economy locally and statewide is that we're lagging behind the rest of country in per capita real growth in terms of income. So with these 600 jobs paying well in excess of 50-thousand-dollars a year, we're going to make up some ground in that area." But what's most important---Greenville businesses know home is where the heart is. "This is another step in the right direction of proving the value of where we are and our commitment to business," Felkel explains. "Strategically located in the Southeast, so I think it's all positive." Carolina First and its parent company employs more than 400 in Greenville County. That number will grow in 2011.

March 27, 2006 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

March 28, 2006 5:00a-9:00am The Morning News

## Description:

A Greenville County Council committee has approved tax incentives for a distribution company that would hire up to 250 people and pay an average of 20 dollars an hour. The total amount of the incentives was --not-- released because parts of the deal are still being negotiated. Councilwoman Judy Gilstrap says the package approved yesterday by the Finance Committee isn't unusual. Gilstrap says the company would invest ten (m) million dollars and employ 38 workers to start, with the work force growing to 250 people in five years. She says the company has pretty much committed to Greenville, if County Council approves the tax deal next week. Gilstrap wouldn't say when the company's name would be released.

March 29, 2006 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

March 29, 2006 5:00am-9:00am The Morning News

# Description:

GlaxoSmithKline says it will add 150 jobs to its Aiken County plant to help convert a prescription weight loss drug to an over-the-counter product. The company says the expansion should be finished next year, at a cost of 60 (m) million dollars. The company hopes to get permission from the Food and Drug Administration this summer to convert the prescription drug, Xenical, to a product called Alli. The over-the-counter version would have half the active ingredient and be sold without a prescription. The plant currently employees more than 250 people.

Attachments

Quality of Life

# ADDRESSING PROBLEM/NEED FIRST OUARTER 2006

Problem/Need: QUALITY OF LIFE

<u>DATE</u> <u>TIME</u> <u>PROGRAM</u>

Sundays 8:30am IN TOUCH MINISTRIES

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>: A religious program that airs every Sunday morning. (60:00)

Sundays 9:30 am TAYLORS FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>: A church service that airs every Sunday morning. (30:00)

Sundays 10:00am DAY OF DISCOVERY

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>: A religious program that airs every Sunday morning. (30:00)

January 6, 2006 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

## Description:

We're following up on some upset soccer parents whose kids shared a hotel with a group of swingers. Thursday, an upstate father is bashing the hotel where it happened on national T.V. He appeared on the Bill O'Reilly Show on FOX News. FOX Carolina 's Jamie Guirola also spoke with the dad. The Greenville father says he speaks for many of the other parents who went to Orlando. Florida for a girls soccer tournament. Little did he know that new years weekend would turn into such a big ordeal. What you're watching is a sample of what a swingers party supposedly looks like. So if what some parents say is true and we actually had pictures or video from the night in question-- we wouldn't be able to show it to you anyway. Rob Young/Parent: "And all the sudden the swinger's convention came through and they were dressed very risqué". Parents say on New Years night a group of 200 swingers flashed their breasts and dropped their pants in the lobby of this Crowne Plaza Hotel during a party. But the lobby was also being shared with dozens of girls ringing in the New Year after a five day soccer tournament. Rob Young is upset his 11 and 13 year old daughters will probably remember that day the most. Young: "There were a lot of questions asked about what's going on. 'Why are people walking up with somebody and then coming back and walking away with someone else', and ,what's a swinger'"? Young and other parents say they're not mad at the swingers-- they blame the hotel. First, for not warning them. Second, for not accommodating requests to be separated. Thursday, news of a similar situation in Arizona at another Crowne Plaza. There, a high school marching band for the Fiesta Bowl shared the hotel with a group of swingers. It's news Young doesn't want to hear about happening a third time. Young: "If you want to go there to do that, that's fine. But move people away who are not there for that if this is going on at the hotel property". The company that owns the Crowne Plaza says it is investigating the incident.

January 26, 2006 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

### Description:

Every year, See's Candy Shop sets up a kiosk at Haywood Mall. This winter, the holiday candies that didn't sell are being turned into an offering for others. "There are boxes and tins and bags and stocking stuffers." And they're all filled with chocolate. "About 1,500 pounds." It's hundreds of pounds of chocolate made by See's Candy Shops. It's considered highend chocolate, but it has a short shelf life, because the candies are made with no additives or preservatives. So what didn't sell during the holidays, John Emery and his son, Kevin, are giving away. "There's really no limit on charitable

organizations, there's so many good causes out there." John Emery says they've already given hundreds of pounds of the chocolates and candies to local charities like Project Host, Loaves and Fishes, and the Rescue Mission. "Hopefully we can get most of this out and give it a nice home in some poor people's stomach." That's Kevin Emery, who's also a student at League Academy in Greenville. Kevin's kept a couple pieces of the candy for himself, but says it's really about giving to others. "I would actually rather be giving them shelter or food but chocolate's something unique ... It brightens up your day ... It's a great treat ... I think it will make their lives considerably more joyful." The Emery's are members of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, and they are giving the chocolate to charity on its behalf.

February 3, 2006 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

New information about a 10 year old pregnant girl police say was raped by a 26 year old man. FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola reports, To protect the girl, her family doesn't want to be identified and they wants people to know that neither their pregnant girl nor the child is being neglected. Police say D.N.A. tests prove the William Ronca is the baby's father. Thursday night, he's still locked up charged with raping the girl when she was 9 years old. Through email, FOX Carolina has been communicating exclusively with the girl's family. We're told, the girl and the baby are both fine, physically. The family also says the baby will be put up for adoption to a loving family. The 10 year old is expecting a baby boy at the beginning of April.

February 3, 2006 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

"It was all about drugs. It was about my next hit." Kebala Dorn-Davis is a recovering addict. "I did things I never thought I would do, never thought I would do and it was really rough," said Davis. She started using crack at 16 years-old and over the years her habit got worse. She even got pregnant several times and admits it never stopped her from using drugs. "Hey be nice and share." Kebala had six children, two of them born addicted to crack. The state took four of her kids away, now she's raising her son and daughter Marquita, who will soon be two years-old. Kebala says she used drugs for about four months while pregnant with Marquita, but her daughter is fine. Now, Kebala says she's clean, taking birth control and getting paid for it. "As long as I have this program that works with me to protect myself I don't have to bring anymore kids into this world on drugs," commented Davis. The program is called Project Prevention and whenever Kebala shows proof she's taking birth control she gets a check for \$200 or more. Those checks come from this office in North Carolina. "I just decided to start this organization and offer these women who are very irresponsible cash incentives to use long term," or permanent birth control," said Barbara Harris. Harris and her son run the organization C.R.A.C.K. which stands for Children Requiring a Caring Community. "These women who are abusing alcohol and drugs are pregnant when they're doing that..it was eye opening and something that slapped us in the face," said Harris. She gets calls from pregnant drug abusers across the country and now she's seeing an increase in calls from mothers on meth and babies born addicted to the drug. "They were exposed to crack, heroine and PCP, but meth I'm told is even worst than those drugs," commented Harris, All women like Kebala have to do is make a call and take an application to their doctor, "When they mail the paper work back to us we verify it to make sure its true they did get the birth control and we send them the check." Those drug addicted mothers have a choice of getting different kinds of birth control like the Depo-Provera shot, Norplant or tubal ligation, which means they will be sterile.

February 17, 2006

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

First the 10 year old girl was raped then later found out she was pregnant. And just 3 weeks ago the state removed the girl from her grandparents care. Now she's reaching out for help. FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola reports, The 10 year old's family has no idea where she is but 2 sheets of paper are what's keeping them going. They are handwritten letters from the pregnant girl to her mother. Bonnie Mundy/Victim's Grandmother: "It's hard for me to know I might have the baby without you. I really don't want to have the baby without you. I love you very much. Tell everyone I love them and I love you more than anything". Bonnie Mundy is the 10 year old's grandmother. She's breaking her silence by reading her granddaughter's letter. She feels there's no other choice but to go public. Mundy: "I hate it here. I'm so scared something is going to happen if you will not be here having the baby. Oh, and the Steelers won the Super Bowl". It was just before the Super Bowl when the Department of Social Services removed the 10 year old from Mundy's care. She took in the girl after doctors learned she was pregnant and police arrested the man they say raped and impregnated her. Mundy: "To me, all that she had said was he had done things he wasn't supposed to. But I was scared to tell you because I was scared you'd be mad at me and that's all she's told me". The girl's family says D.S.S. didn't give them a fair chance to prove it could provide a safe home for the 10 year old and her 2 sisters. Mundy: "That was her first fishing trip with her Grandpa and that what she caught and so she was very proud". And if D.S.S. gave them a fair chance. Mundy believes social workers would see they were building much more then a bedroom for the little girl. Mundy: "We're just zeroing in on one thing-- loving them so much sand missing them and not being able to hold them and kiss them and I think that's the hardest part. That's the worst". The pictures we showed you of the 10 year old are from Christmas when she was seven months pregnant. jamie.guirola@foxcarolina.com

## **Breaking the Silence**

The family of a pregnant 10 year old breaks its silence, pleading for social services to return the girl and cursing the man accused of raping her. FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola shows us the court papers ordering police and the Department of Social Services to remove the 10 year old from her family and place her in foster care. And while the family fights to get her back they blame just one person. Bonnie Mundy/Victim's Grandmother: "You don't want to take a 10 year old to a store to buy maternity clothes for a 10 year old, what kind of complex does that give that child"? These grandparents take a break from renovating their granddaughter's new room to share with us what they've been too embarrassed to talk about for weeks. Mundy: "He has stripped her of a childhood. He has stripped her of her innocence. He has turned our lives upside down". He, is William Ronca. A prisoner accused of raping and impregnating Bonnie Mundy's 10 year old granddaughter. Mundy: "I think scum of the earth isn't a good enough phrase for him. I don't know how to tell you what I think of him". Since the rape, Mundy has cared for the victim and her 2 sisters. But D.S.S. removed the children from her home and place them in foster care. The victim's family blames Ronca for the life of pain, drama, and uncertainty they'll live with forever. Mundy: "Everyday that goes by it gets a bit harder, its emotionally devastating, and mentally I cant even begin to describe to you how it is". FOX Carolina does not usually identify victims of sexual abuse. However, the family felt it necessary in this case. The 10 year old is expecting a baby boy in April. The family is choosing to adopt the newborn out. jamie.guirola@foxcarolina.com

February 17, 2006

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Members of South Carolina's black and Latino gay community hope to bring more recognition to the groups with an event planned for later this year. The Carolinas Black Pride Movement and Palmetto Umoja says Black/Latino Gay Pride Week will be held June 19th through the 25th. Palmetto Umoja is urging the Black and Latino gay community in South Carolina to work against a constitutional ban on same-sex marriage in South Carolina. The event later this year will include a march and vigil at the Statehouse on June 20th.

February 18, 2006

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

They were rockin' and jammin' inside the Bi-Lo Center---all to see Winter Jam, a well-known Christian concert. And it was jam-packed, with a lot of people on the outside looking in. "It's kind of the good news, bad news thing," says concert promoter Gary Gentry. "The good news is it's very popular. And the bad news is that we had to turn away about a thousand folks." Kristianna and Todd Cantrell were lucky enough to get in, to hear a mixture of rock, hip hop and punk with spiritual flavor. "It just seems like tons of people every year," says Kristianna. "It's even more so packed than it was last year. It's just amazing and really awesome." "It shows to the community and the world that there are many Christians out here, and there are many people who need Jesus," says Todd. "We all need him just as much as anybody else." In two months, Winter Jam will roll through 30 cities---attracting families and church groups who can't get enough of the word. "I think they leave here encouraged," says Gentry. "I think they leave here excited about their faith in Jesus Christ. And I think they just leave here energized."

February 27, 2006

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

Unless you were looking for it you'd probably never know it exists. It's called Holy Islamville. A Muslim village in the upstate started by a man suspected in attacks against the United States and once on the terror watch list. FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola investigates Holy Islamville and reports, It's just a short drive to get there. But if you look online this intelligence report from a group of private citizens suggests what goes on over there is anything but holy. The roads that lead to it are rural. The homes nearby are spread apart. And even though only Muslims can live in Holy Islamville there's a welcome sign out front of its location; tucked in York County, about an hour and a half from Greenville. Whether you enter or just keep driving by is your choice. We chose to go in. Mayor Kamal Shakir/Holy Islamville: "We have families. Our families have grown and since then other have families have moved in, as Mr. Rashid was saying, from other places to populate the area". Population: roughly 150 people. Both men and women.. Young and old. They live in mobile homes set on many acres of private land. Land, the Muslims here say, wouldn't be there's if it wasn't for one man. Sheikh Gilani. A mysterious person in the Muslim world but still regarded as a very high ranking figure in the Islamic religion with similar villages like Holy Islamville in other states. And what we're about to tell you about Sheikh Gilani is what bothers people here the most. Ali Rashid/Holy Islamville: "I know he's not. It's a matter of belief if you want to make belief certainty. But he's not. I know he's not. I know he's not linked to any kind of terrorist activity". Sheikh Gilani and some of his followers were once on the F.B.I.'s Terror Watch List. Sheikh Gilani also suspected, but later cleared, in the infamous kidnapping of Wall Street reporter Danny Pearl. Rashid: "That's a total lie, that's a lie. Not only is that the man I know but that's a total lie. That doesn't even match his character". Rashid is a leader in Holy Islamville and claims to be friends with and is loyal to Sheikh Gilani. He is one of thousands of Gilani's followers and one of the first to move here more than 20 years ago. He agreed to give us a tour. Rashid: "No, we've never committed any kind of terrorist acts no there's nothing going on down here...Yes I've taken you through this whole place". jamie.guirola@foxcarolina.com

# Inside Holy Islamville

Not everybody can live there but they say everyone is welcome to visit. Including FOX Carolina and our cameras. It's a Muslim village in the upstate that would rather us focus on their daily lives-- than the terrorist suspicions linked

to the man who created the village. FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola reports, about Sheikh Gilani, the man who created Holy Islamville nearly 25 years ago. He was once on the F.B.I.'s Terror Watch list. He was also accused. but later cleared, in the kidnapping of Wall Street reporter Danny Pearl. But, "terrorist", is the last word that comes to mind for the people who live in Holy Islamville. Holy Islamville. It's an exclusive village as private as any other neighborhood. Reporter: "Why do you have to separate yourselves by having a village like this"? Mayor Kamal Shakir: "People are invited to come down, we've invited our neighbors to come down so they have an opportunity to ask those questions". We too were invited and accepted the invitation. Reporter: "What do you think is the most common misconception that non-Muslims have of the Muslim community"? Shakir: "That all Muslims are terrorists, um, all Muslims are Arabs. Those are I guess the main 2 things right now. Which is, you see, most of us are of African American descent born and raised in America". The nearly 150 Muslims who live here do it to stay firm in their Islamic religion and to isolate themselves from anything not holy. At night they sleep in these mobile homes spread across many acres of private land in York County about an hour and a half from Greenville. Shakir: "We have families, our families have grown, and since then other have families have moved in, as Mr. Rashid was saying, from other places to populate the area". During the day, village leaders, who make up a council headed by a mayor, create laws to live by and deal with money matters. Shakir: "They're might be some domestic concerns. We have concerns with our schools you see in the back. The appropriation of the funds we need to get various projects done on the land we might need" And children go to make-shift schools. The teachers are part-time and have other jobs outside the village, paying taxes to the state and federal government. But what makes Holy Islamville holy is this mosque and this shrine where Muslims here claim miracles happen. Like a man who walked in with cancer and left without it. Reporter: "The doctors were sure it was cancer". Ali Rashid/Holy Islamville: "They said it was cancer, I'm just telling you. Again I'm not asking you to believe..." What they are asking us to believe is that this village is not a compound or a training pad for terrorists. Rashid: "The United States of America is my country it would be absolutely senseless for me or anyone to commit an act of terrorism against our own country". You heard it for yourself, any kind of terrorist activity- denied. And just like you can visit Holy Islamville anytime you can also check out the intelligence report connecting it to terrorism and decide for yourself.

March 18, 2006 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

Description:

An early morning house fire in Spartanburg and investigators discover a body inside. Another person is being treated at the Augusta Burn Center and three others escaped. Mary Hall admits she doesn't know many of her neighbors. She's often babysitting her grand kids. She's her daughter's caregiver. However, she did notice a lot of activity at this now-burned-out home on California Avenue. Mary Hall says, "There was a lot of people in and out. And there was a lot of people living there." Spartanburg Investigators say five people were inside early Saturday morning, when a fire started. They all got out, except for 14-year-old Courtney Johnson---who was found dead. Hall says the flames were shooting over the house---getting too close for comfort. Hall says "I was thinking mine would catch, too. It looked like it was big enough to catch hers and burn mine." Even though it was early, she remembers seeing several fire trucks, patrol cars----a sad scene she won't soon forget. She says, ""It looked like a nightmare. I just kept looking out the window and seeing what was going on." Investigators tell Fox Carolina, Courtney Johnson was a student at Whitney Junior High School. An autopsy will be performed Sunday to determine the exact the cause of death. The cause of fire is still under investigation.

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A day late, but people are still feeling green in Spartanburg. This is the first year for Shamrocks on the Square. Beth Gilmartin just moved to the area from California. She brought her kids, who are half-Irish. Gilmartin says "Makes you feel welcome quickly into this community. It's very family-oriented. As a family, you want to go out and do things. This helps so much." And if you don't know much about Irish culture, this is a good place to start. Andy Lane says, "Go around and taste some foods, play some games and have some fun." Lane's son entered the

leprechaun look-a-like contest and of course, this cutie won. Lane says, ""Black top hat with the green leprechaun jacket. Got the gold coins in the pouch. Black pants and the buckles on the shoes." Around 500 people got a taste of Ireland, or a vision of it at the square. Courtney Frost says, "We get to come out and dance. We don't get to really show river dance that much because people don't really know what it is. But it's good that we get to do it for St. Patrick's Day in town." Lucky for Spartanburg, the shamrocks will probably be back next March. Kerin Hannah says "It's a beautiful day. This is just the beginning of a celebration for many years to come."

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10:00pm

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Description:

Together the Johnson-Glenn family banded, for strength, for comfort, and for answers. Joyce Glenn told Fox Carolina's Lidia St. Mark, "When I got here and I saw this house...I just couldn't believe that my niece died ...and everyone got out except for my niece." Fourteen year old Courtney Johnson died in this home. Her family says she came here to get her hair braided, asked to sleep over and was never heard from again. Her aunt says, "If I can be honest...I think there was some foul play. I think something happened and I just pray to God the truth is going to be revealed." Investigators say the fire broke out yesterday morning around four. They believe at the time of the fire, the woman who lived here, her two sons, and Courtney were the only people at home. But Courtney was the only one who didn't make it out. Today the autopsy revealed Courtney died from breathing in too much smoke. Glenn says, "She was real shy..didn't talk much...14 years old..I think she was cheated out of life." But with so many rumors, so many different stories, and most of all their gut, Courtney's family says they won't rest until they know why Courtney took her last breath. Glenn says, "Please don't stop investigating..." Investigators say they're leaving no stone unturned. They say the investigation is still in it's very early stages. The coroner also told Fox Carolina that there was not a single working smoking detector in the entire home. As for the others home at the time of the fire. Investigators say everyone is physically fine except for one of the sons who is still recovering at the Augusta Burn Center. According to investigators he tried to go back in and save Courtney.

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Description:

Upstate residents traveled seventeen thousand miles away and they never left Greenville. India came to the Upstate as the Palmetto Expo Center hosted, "The Mela." Mela is Indian for fair. The festival is fun for the whole family featuring cultural performances, a fashion show, dancing, a children's stage with story telling and arts and crafts, and plenty of mouthwatering delicacies to eat. There will be a Bazaar & Marketplace where guests can purchase sarees, shawls, purses, jewelry, furniture, bid on silent auction items, experience Yoga and more. A portion of the proceeds from Saturday's event went to Meals on Wheels Of Greenville.

March 20, 2006

10:00pm

The Ten O'clock News

Description:

There was no holding back on Sunday night's rally. The Greenville Anti-War society's message was as plain as the eye could see, support the troops but not the war in Iraq. On the third anniversary of the war in Iraq, many gathered at Bergamo Square believe it's a war that is continuing to hurt all of our futures. Anna Lara who came with her two children and her husband says, "I would hope for our children to grow up in a peaceful world..." They say it's costing more than you know and not just in terms of cents and dollars. Those signs on their chests may look like

something you'd see at a marathon, but protesters say it's the number of Iraqis who have also died. They also set up a candlelight vigil. They may look like ordinary cups with candles, but each one represents a fallen solider, each one bearing a soldier's name. Two-thousand, three hundred twenty, candles to be exact, a cup for every soldier who paid the ultimate price. Protesters say they're not asking for much, just hoping to enlighten those who might want to give peace a chance.

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March 27, 2006 5:00a-9:00am The Morning News

# Description:

Less than a week after almost two dozen Clemson University students lost everything in a fire, the campus is coming together to offer help. The fire destroyed several units at the Village Green Townhomes last Wednesday. Monday night several organizations offered their services to help out the 22 students coping with the fire and their losses. Along with Clemson University and several service organizations there, the American Red Cross, and the Clemson Fire and Police Departments were at the meeting, going over the fire victims' needs and making sure everything was met as the students try to get their lives back to normal. "I was in one of the apartments that caught fire," says Clemson grad student, Kiren Chahar. She and 21 other Clemson University students' lives were changed the instant a cigarette caught brush and mulch on fire outside the Village Green Townhomes, minutes later, the apartments were in flames. Chahar says, "Everything was burned, I couldn't believe it happened, I couldn't believe it happened." Now it's time to go about their daily lives and schedules, but it's not that easy when all your belongings are gone or destroyed. According to Abhishek Yaday, another Clemson grad student and fire victim, "We had to go through the rubble and debris and try to take up whatever we could...It's been really tough for us to get used to this incident that happened, but people have been really helpful, everyone's been really helpful." And help is what many of these students need now as they search for new homes, furniture, buy clothes, books or even try to get new passports. And that's why the University held a meeting Monday night, to help the victims find the right resources they need to move past the fire. "It's a tough thing to get over, but people have been, you know, have support and that's a good thing to be here at Clemson," says Yadav. Despite their losses, many say the support they've gained from everyone has meant everything to them. Chahar says, "I really appreciate the support and everything they have done for us." Many of the students have already found new apartments. So far the Pickens County Red Cross chapter has donated more than \$7,000, and they expect to offer \$3,000 more in assistance. At the same time, the Red Cross is in need themselves of monetary donations.

March 28, 2006 10:00pm The Ten O'clock News

March 28, 2006 5:00a-9:00am The Morning News

#### Description:

There is major debate this week in Washington D.C. about what to do with South Carolina's illegal immigrants. Nationwide, 11 million people are here without any proper documentation. The President has a plan that would offer all of them a temporary 3 year pass to work and live in the U.S. FOX Carolina's Jamie Guirola reports, In South Carolina, Immigration and Naturalization reports 36,000 people are here illegally. We spoke with a man who's here illegally. The illegal immigrant you're about to hear from asked us to hide his face and tells us in Spanish what it's like to live and work here without any rights to really do so. They may be driving the car next to you. "Jose": "Everybody has to drive to go to work". Or building the roads we all travel on. Reporter: "So people knowingly hire you, knowing you're not documented? "Jose": "I don't want to answer that". Between 1990 and 2000, 60,000 immigrants came to South Carolina-- More than half of those believed snuck in. This man, who says his name is "Jose", beat border patrol when he was 18 years old. He now lives in Greenville County with at least a dozen other relatives. Few of them are legal. "Jose": "I entered illegally so if I tried to become a citizen I'd be asked to leave". With the country's immigration problem Bush is demanding new rules be passed that would give illegals

like Jose peace of mind from daily fears of being deported. "Jose": "We've heard about it but we don't think it's a good solution". But Jose tells us he's skeptical of Bush's proposal to grant him and his family almost the same rights as any other citizen during a 3 year period where he would work for employers who can prove Americans don't want the jobs. "Jose": "Because after the 3rd year things will be like they are now and it'll be a never-ending story". In fact, Jose doesn't have any plans to try and become a U.S. citizen. He just wants to work here long enough to take his savings back home where he says the opportunity to earn money doesn't exist. "Jose": "Basically, we're not here trying to take anybody's food out of their mouths. We just want to work and support our families". jamie.guirola@foxcarolina.com

# Legal Immigrants Weigh In

You just read an illegal immigrant criticize the President's plan that would give more than 11 million illegal immigrants a temporary pass to live and work in the U.S. FOX Carolina 's Jamie Guirola also has reaction from immigrants who came here legally. Most who are here legally know someone who isn't. And there's concern the proposed new rules for illegal immigrants is far from a permanent solution. Radio Mix 1440 A.M. is a Spanish radio station that taps into the Hispanic community. The morning show host is Carlos Arango, a legal immigrant in the United States. Carlos Arango/1440 A.M.: "Legal and illegal both". Callers' opinions are mixed on the President's plan to allow illegal immigrants a temporary stay before making them go back home after holding a job here for 3 years. Arango: "For some, that's better than nothing, but it would not be the final solution to this big issue". The big issue is the fast growing number of immigrants who cross our borders and then live and work without any right to do so. Arango says the President should take his reform plan back to the drawing board. Arango: "They will have to come up with something radical and definite about this issue". Along with Mr. Bush's "Guest Worker" plan is a call for better securing our borders and strengthening enforcement inside the U.S. Arango prefers the focus stay on what to do with the illegal immigrants already here. Arango: "Not only for the immigrants, but the economy of this nation. What's gonna happen after three years? Everything stops because they have to leave"? Arango also says other ideas from lawmakers to make sneaking-in a felony are 'absurd' and 'nonsense'. Those who don't see it that way argue the stiff punishment sends a clear message to stay away from the border.

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# Description:

New Prospect Elementary School students will return to school Wednesday morning, but their beloved principal will not be there to greet them. Cathy Bird died unexpectedly at her Spartanburg County home Monday, March 27th. Now her family, friends, students and teachers are mourning the loss. Cathy Bird was Principal at New Prospect Elementary for seven years. Several flowers, ribbons and a guest book line the entrance to the school, marking the thoughts and prayers from the community who remember her as a vibrant woman and excellent educator. "I was pretty shocked, I couldn't believe it," says Jon Levasseur, his daughter once attended New Prospect Elementary School. The sudden death of New Prospect Elementary School Principal, Cathy Bird, came as a shock to everyone in the area. It's hard to believe one month ago from Tuesday night she and the school won the prestigious Carolina First Palmetto's Finest Elementary School Award. Those who knew Cathy say her energy and enthusiasm was not only evident in the school, but in her life. Levasseur says, "She was always smiling, happy, always nice to everybody....Everybody liked her, she did a lot with the kids, I know the kids, almost all of the kids loved her, she's just a sweet lady." According to Dr. Jimmy Littlefield, District 1 Superintendent, "If you're looking for the ideal principal, Cathy Bird was the ideal principal in all respects." Now as the school flag stands at half-staff, many say Cathy Bird's memory will live on. "We will miss her greatly as a friend and as an educator," says Littlefield. Levasseur agrees, "She's going to be missed by a lot of people." The students will be back at school Wednesday, where counselors and the district staff will be on hand to help the kids and teachers cope with their loss. Cathy Bird is survived by her husband and two children. The family will receive friends from 2 -4 pm Thursday at the First Baptist Church in North Spartanburg. Funeral services will follow the visitation. In lieu of flowers, a memorial can be made to the Cathy McHenry Bird scholarship fund at Spartanburg District 1 schools.